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Dear Randy:

This is to update you about the corrective actions that Temple University implemented after March 7, 2008 violation caused by an authorized medical physicist very briefly leaving the treatment area during the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery (GSR) procedure.

Temple University Hospital administered disciplinary action against the medical physicist and the physicist resigned. As you observed, Dr. Miyamoto, the GSR authorized user who is well qualified in emergency response procedures, was present during the treatment. Therefore, the safety significance of this violation was extremely minor.

In addition, I provided training to all authorized users and medical physicist in regulatory requirements and license conditions for the safe use of GSR

Please feel free to contact me at (215) 707-7620 if you have any questions or need additional information regarding our corrective actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lily Lodhi'.

Lily Lodhi, Ph.D.
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