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Dear Dr. Gabriel:

It has come to my attention that we have been violation of 10 DFR 35.615 (f) (2i). In the treatment of 3 patients (3 x 10 treatments), the authorized user was not present in 3 treatments. This occurred on 1/24/08 for 1 treatment and on 1/29/08 for 2 treatments. In his place, a physician who is not authorized but is trained in the safety features of the HDR unit was present. This incident occurred because the visiting NRC inspector informed Bridgeport Hospital that the presence of the authorized user was not required as long as we have a letter stating that the non-authorized physician will be operating under the auspices of the authorized user. Therefore we changed our protocol to conform to this interpretation. I have been now informed by you in the correct interpretation of the regulations and we will return to our former interpretation in which the authorized user (and the authorized medical physicist) has to be present for a treatment to occur.

There were no adverse consequences to the patient on the 3 occasions.

Sincerely,

David S Wishko, Ph.D.
Chief, Medical Physicist