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RE: Pacemaker removal

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am hereby providing notification that a nuclear-powered pacemaker has been explanted from one of our patients. The patient had the device surgically removed and replaced at our facility on 5/1/08 during a procedure unrelated to the function of the pacemaker.

The explanted pacemaker was a Cordis Model 184A, Serial #186.

The source will be transferred to the Los Alamos National Lab OSRP in care of the NSSI recovery site as soon as possible. We will store the pacemaker in a secure radioactive materials storage location until that time. We still have 2 remaining Cordis pacemakers in other patients.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or need additional information, please contact Bruce E. Hasselquist, Ph.D., RSO at 616-391-2498.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Hasselquist, Ph.D., RSO
Chief Medical Physicist, Radiology

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