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Re: Amendment request to License #24-02704-01 Control #: 573937

Materials License Reviewer:

Cardiac PET is being established at St. Joseph Medical Center to provide better diagnosis and treatment for certain populations of patients who require cardiac imaging. PET scans produce higher quality images resulting in improved patient care. It is well documented that cardiac PET has certain advantages over other imaging techniques.

One of the criteria to obtain funding for cardiac PET equipment and instrumentation was a startup date in early January, 2011. The current proposed start date for patient imaging is January 7, 2011. If the opening of the cardiac PET equipment is delayed it could have a significant negative financial impact on St. Joseph Medical Center and potentially derail the cardiac PET program. Ideally, we would like the amendment to be approved no later than December 27, 2010 so the vendor can complete the installation and calibration process. This will ensure that patient examinations can commence on January 7, 2011 and therefore meet the funding prerequisites.

Any consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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