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RE: Response to Deficiency Letter Dated February 22, 2011 Sent via E-mail

Dear Ms. Weidner,

Bridgeport Hospital has the following responses to the issues raised in your February 22, 2011 e-mail correspondence with the Subject: Question – Cardiac Specialists and Bridgeport Hospital.

- a. Mr. Bohan will have full authority to exercise authority over all aspects of the Radiation Safety Program at Bridgeport Hospital. A letter delegating that authority is attached as ATT 1.
- b. Yale-New Haven Hospital (YNHH) and Bridgeport Hospital (BH) are both part of the Yale-New Haven Health System, which also includes Greenwich Hospital and the Yale University School of Medicine. While each delivery system operates independently, the institutions also operate cooperatively when beneficial to the goals of the overall system. In this case, the YNHH Radiation Safety Program will expand its responsibilities to also provide radiation safety services to Bridgeport Hospital. The consultant RSO will have administrative mechanisms through the responsible Bridgeport Hospital administrator, Michael R. Tatta and the Bridgeport Hospital Radiation Safety Committee to acquire necessary funding and services to meet radiation safety program and related regulatory requirements.
- c. The Radiation Safety Program at Yale-New Haven Hospital currently consists of an RSO, two Asst. RSO's and an Administrative Assistant. An additional Asst. RSO position will be added to this group to help provide expanded services to the

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Bridgeport Hospital program. One of the Asst. RSO's will routinely be staffed at Bridgeport Hospital during normal working hours and all available staff will be accessible on an on-call basis during off-shift hours. Occasionally, the Asst. RSO may be physically off-site due to vacation, staff meetings at YNHH or other requirements. However, in these cases, personnel from YNHH will be able to respond to Bridgeport Hospital in case of emergency. The RSO will supervise and direct the on-site Asst. RSO and will attend Bridgeport Hospital Radiation Safety Committee meetings and periodically visit Bridgeport Hospital, as needed, for educational or professional services.

- d. The in-house representative will be one of the Asst. RSO's staffed to the Bridgeport Hospital program.
- e. The RSO will be available by normal communication methods (phone, e-mail, etc.) during normal work hours and by electronic paging, cell or home phone during off shift hours. The distance between the two hospitals is approximately 20 miles and driving time is approximately 30 minutes. During off-shift hours, the RSO is located approximately 40 miles away and driving time is approximately 45 – 50 minutes.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Bohan at (203) 688-2950, or mike.bohan@yale.edu.

Regards,



Michael R. Tatta
Director, Imaging, Laboratory & Radiation Oncology

Attachment: RSO Delegation of Authority Letter

**Delegation of Authority to the Radiation Safety Officer**

TO: Michael J. Bohan
Medical Health Physicist/RSO

FROM: Michael R. Tatta
Director, Imaging, Laboratory & Radiation Oncology

DATE: February 24, 2011

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Radiation Safety

As the Director of the Imaging, Laboratory & Radiation Oncology Programs at Bridgeport Hospital, I have been delegated the responsibility for management oversight of the Radiation Safety Program.

You are the appointed Radiation Safety Officer for Bridgeport Hospital and are responsible for ensuring the safe use of radiation sources throughout the facility. As the Radiation Safety Officer, you are responsible for monitoring the Radiation Safety Program, identifying radiation safety problems, initiating, recommending, or providing corrective action, verifying the implementation of corrective action, and ensuring compliance with current regulations. This includes the authority to stop unsafe practices involving radiation sources until corrective measures are implemented. In addition to these substantial responsibilities for which you have been appropriately delegated authority to fulfill, you are also responsible for assisting the Radiation Safety Committee in the performance of its duties and serve as this committee's corresponding secretary.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this responsibility, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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