

Hospital	Event Number: 41928
Rep Org: LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL Licensee: LANCASTER GENERAL HOSPITAL Region: 1 City: LANCASTER State: PA County: License #: 37-11866-04 Agreement: N Docket: NRC Notified By: TONY MONTAGNESE HQ OPS Officer: BILL HUFFMAN	Notification Date: 08/18/2005 Notification Time: 14:08 [ET] Event Date: 08/18/2005 Event Time: 10:00 [EDT] Last Update Date: 08/18/2005
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY 10 CFR Section: 35.3045(a)(1) - DOSE <> PRESCRIBED DOSAGE	Person (Organization): RAYMOND LORSON (R1) TOM ESSIG (NMSS)

Event Text

MEDICAL EVENT

The licensee reports that a patient was scheduled to receive five Gamma Knife treatments to a single tumor in the head. Two treatments were successfully administered. Prior to the third treatment, it was determined that the shield "jaws" on the Gamma Knife were stuck closed and the Knife was considered inoperable. Consequently, the patient did not receive the final three prescribed treatments.

The licensee has requested repairs on the Gamma Knife from an authorized service representative. The licensee believes that a microphone clip, used to communicate with the patient while under treatment, may have fallen into the Gamma Knife and jammed the "jaws."

The licensee plans to continue treatment of the patient pending repair to the Gamma Knife.

The licensee also planned to notify the State of Pennsylvania.