

Hospital	Event Number: 45250
Rep Org: VALLEY HOSPITAL Licensee: VALLEY HOSPITAL Region: 1 City: RIDGEWOOD State: NJ County: BERGEN License #: 29-03845-01 Agreement: N Docket: NRC Notified By: TKI CHAK HQ OPS Officer: VINCE KLCO	Notification Date: 08/07/2009 Notification Time: 17:32 [ET] Event Date: 08/06/2009 Event Time: 17:00 [EDT] Last Update Date: 08/11/2009
Emergency Class: NON EMERGENCY 10 CFR Section: 35.3045(a)(3) - DOSE TO OTHER SITE > SPECIFIED LIMITS	Person (Organization): MEL GRAY (R1DO) KEITH McCONNELL (FSME)

Event Text

POTENTIAL DOSE TO WRONG SITE

A patient with radiation seed prostate implants came back to the facility to have a CAT Scan. Based on the CAT Scan results, the physician suspects the improper positioning of the radiation seed implants. Due to the patient's medical condition the hospital cannot conduct a verification CAT Scan with contrast material. The patient plans to return to the hospital at a later date. A hospital review of the patient's treatment is ongoing.

* * * UPDATE FROM TKI CHAK TO JOHN KNOKE AT 1530 ON 08/11/09 * * *

The licensee confirmed that the patient had improper positioning of the radiation seed implants. This was considered an under dose to the patient since the seeds went into the tissue and not the prostate. The patient was advised by the physician and will receive a follow-on treatment with a tomotherapy procedure.

Notified FSME (Andrew Mauer) and R1DO (William Cook).

A Medical Event may indicate potential problems in a medical facility's use of radioactive materials. It does not necessarily result in harm to the patient.