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Dear Ms. Lanzisera,

These are the corrective actions and updating/retraining steps that we have taken since your visit:

1. We reviewed all policies and edited them to include clarification concerning our response to failure of the patient to return for scheduled surgery. Step numbers 10 and 11 of the "Radioactive Seed Handling – For Localization of Breast Mass" tracking policy were part of this revision, and these revised copies were the ones that were submitted to you in February. The final revision date of February 16 was omitted from the copy that was sent to you.
2. Per your suggestion, we submitted a request for an amendment to remove the 5-day limit for the seeds to remain in place. While we still will schedule within 5 days, this would allow us to remain in compliance with our commitment to NRC guidelines in the event of a delay. This would be for unavoidable delays such as patient illness that occurs after medical clearance or weather-mediated cancellation of outpatient surgery.
3. We retrained the surgeon of the need to notify us if the patient's planned surgery is delayed for any reason. We retrained the surgeon's nurse scheduler in the following:
 - a. Seeds must not be scheduled more than 5 days prior to surgery. The breast center manager now gives the scheduler specific days on which seeds may be scheduled, i.e. "if surgery is scheduled for this day, you must schedule the seed on this day".

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We look forward to speaking with you, and welcome the opportunity to ensure that our Breast Seed Localization Program is in complete compliance with NRC guidelines.

Sincerely,



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