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January 15, 2016

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RE: License #13-18845-01

To whom it may concern:

Please amend our license to add authorization for the use of 1-125 seeds for temporary implants to localize non-palpable lesions to the authorizations for Nicholas Abel M.D. A copy of his training documentation is enclosed. Dr. Nicholas Abel is currently listed on our license.

Also, please delete William S. Sarnat, MD, D.A. Boll, MD, Thomas Fischback, MD, Vijay Arvindkumar Mehta, MD, Eldon Olson, MD, Yuri Ellis, MS, and Jeremy P. Blausner, MS from the license.

Please contact us or our consultant, David Close at (888) 456-5255, if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Podgorski  
Vice President Hospital Operations

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To whom it may concern:

I have trained and evaluated Dr. Nicholas Abel. I observed him perform at least 3 cases. He demonstrated an understanding of the proper procedures related to the ordering, receiving, and tracking radioactive materials, specifically iodine-125. I personally supervised him in the performance of radiation surveys with the appropriate instrumentation. I observed him safely prepare and implant the radioactive iodine-125 sources for at least 3 patients undergoing breast conservation surgery. He demonstrated the appropriate use of remote handling tools to manipulate the iodine-125 seeds. He demonstrated understanding of how to use shields when appropriate for higher dose materials. His training involved appropriate radiation monitoring before, during, and after the placement of the radiation sources. He was also instructed regarding the need to obtain radiographic or other verification of optimal source placement. He was trained in evaluating the integrity of the radiation sources and what to do in the event that he discovered a broken, leaking, or otherwise defective radiation source. He was trained in all of the potential emergency procedures that could potentially be associated with the implantation process, source manipulation, or how to manage cases in which a broken or the taking seed is discovered. He was also trained in and demonstrated appropriate understanding of the administrative controls which are essential to prevent a medical radiologic event. He was also trained in maintaining an inventory of all of the radioactive material on hand. He was specifically trained in maintaining a running inventory of all of the iodine-125 sources from the time of institutional receipt to implantation to the source removal and ultimately to the appropriate storage in the nuclear medicine department for the necessary decay period.

Sincerely,

James Wheeler, M.D.



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