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## General Comment

A. "Should NRC require an activity-based patient release threshold under which patients would be required to be maintained in a clinic-sponsored facility (e.g., a medical facility or facility under the licensee's control) until the standard for release is met."

Yes. It is a lot for a patient to deal with the thyroidectomy and then RAI. If on medication withdrawal, we do not feel well AT ALL for weeks and have memory issues. A facility that will monitor the safety of others and the patient would be ideal. As well as providing everyday comforts that are safely disposed of by the facility. The patient is going through enough..

B. "Should the NRC amend the regulations to clarify the time frame for the current dose limit in 10 CFR 35.75(a) for releasing Individuals?"

yes.

C. "Should the NRC continue to apply the same dose criteria of 5 mSv (0.5 rem), to all members of the general public, including family members, young children, pregnant women, caregivers, hotel workers, and other members of the public when considering the release of patients?"

Absolutely, yes! I was very careful for the safety of others after my HIGH dose of RAI. But I cant say everyone else is like me, and will not practice safety as i did.

D. "Should the NRC include a specific requirement for the release of a patient who is likely to expose young children or pregnant women to doses above the public dose limit?"

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Yes!

E. "Should the NRC have a specific requirement for the licensee to have a patient isolation discussion with patients in sufficient time prior to the administration to provide the patient time to make isolation arrangements or the licensee to make plans to hold the patient, if the patient cannot be immediately released?"

YES, giving patients information the day of treatment is useless. We need time to prepare. Especially with children AND pets in the house (with small thyroids)

F. "Should the NRC explicitly include the time frame for providing instructions in the regulations (e.g., the instructions should be given prior to the procedure)?"

Yes! And the time frame should be across the board. I had 243 mci in April. I isolated for 3 weeks because i have cats and a child. I was very concerned for their safety.