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General Comment

Q - 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.

My Answer: No... i was much more comfortable doing this at home rather than in a hospital. It's stressful enough without the clinical setting. I don't know a single person that didn't follow the advice of their physician when getting radioactive iodine. In fact, I feel most people will go above and beyond recommendations just to be safe. e.g. I kept my kids out of the house for eight days instead of five. Where to stay - hospital or home - should be a patient choice.

Q - "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?"

My Answer - I do think there should be a designated discussion prior to the RAI treatment. I got a paper handout prior to my isolation and a talk that morning about what I should be doing. To me, that is not sufficient. I did most of the research myself, but I have always believed there should be an appointment with someone specifically about this well in advance of the treatment. Knowledge is power and the doctors should be educating us, not google.

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Q - 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)?"

My Answer - Absolutely.