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Dear Sirs:

I agree with Dr. Taplin that the Commission should reconsider and rescind the requirement that physicians must use an approved radiopharmaceutical strictly in accord with the manufacturer's package insert.

Such a requirement is a direct interference in both the practice of medicine and the practice of pharmacy.

Although radiopharmaceuticals are usually most safely and effectively used in accordance with the instructions on the package insert there are often situations when the best medical care is provided by the physician and/or the pharmacist using their expertise to modify radiopharmaceutical used to fit the particular needs of an individual patient or clinical situation. Thus this regulation decreases, rather than enhances, the overall quality of health care delivery in this country.

Sincerely,

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