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REPORTS OF DIAGNOSTIC MISADMINISTRATIONS (10 CFR 35.43)

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- 1. Licensee's Name Massachusetts General Hospital
- 2. Referring Physician Leonard Ellman, M.D., MGH
- 3. Description of the Event

The patient responded to an incorrect name while waiting in the Nuclear Medicine Unit on White 2 at the MGH. Because of this he was subsequently injected with the incorrect radiopharmaceutical (<sup>99m</sup>Tc DTPA, 20 mCi). When the error was realized, the patients was reinjected with the correct agent (<sup>99m</sup>Tc gated blood pool study).

- 4. Effect on Patient

Unnecessary radiation dose from <sup>99m</sup>Tc DTPA (kidney - 1 rem; whole body, 0.3 rem).

- 5. Action taken to prevent recurrence

The patient was "hard of hearing". Strict attention to both requisition and patient identification. Double check for accuracy. Carefully read and varify requisition.

- 6. Dates this Report covers

April 12, 1984

7. Frank P. Castronovo, Jr.  
(signed)  
Radiation Safety Officer  
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