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Reporting Nuclear Medicine Injection Extravasations as Medical Events

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## General Comment

Getting the images right could be a matter of life and death for patients, so why would someone not put any efforts to improve the quality of the injections? There is multiple evidence that extravasations negatively affect the quality of the images and harm patients. There are published examples of the centers that were able to improve the accuracy of the injections and that solved extravasation problem. If there is the evidence that extravasations harm patients, occur frequently and can be improved then it could be resolved.

I support petition because I support patient safety. The current regulation must be changed. If radioactive drugs incorrectly inserted and goes into my tissue instead of a vein I want to know. I want my doctor to know to make the best decisions regarding my treatment, my health, and my life. I urge the NRC to correct its policy that is based on outdated assumption that extravasations are impossible to avoid. It is no longer true.

Also, as a parent of three children I expect transparency in everything related to their treatment and any medical procedure. It is my expectation that if there is an area of

improvement the medical community will do their best in order to serve patient safety. I believe that the NRC play an important role in protecting patients from unnecessary radiation. I believe our safety and our lives matter for you.  
Thank you for consideration.