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General Comment

I wanted to share with you my experience with the healthcare for those who are treated for cancer using the know methods. My wife lost a long battle with cancer and I watched as the medical teams work very hard to treat her and others. If we can limit variances which are controllable I am sure we can save lives and the wonderful scientists can focus on the truly challenging areas of patient care.

My wifes treatment follow the best practice at the time however I now know that SNMMI and ANCMUI members agree that doing the injection wrong can affect the results of the diagnostic test and the patient care would be delayed, as you likely know time is not something you make up. Even a small diversion would cause the doctor miss key information and thereby impact the results. Whether the it happens every 1 out of 100 times, or 1 out of every 1000 times, if the test is botched, it should not be kept a secret from the patient and their doctor. While I understand human error can happen it not too much to ask that the radiation injected into a patient be done with the proper steps to make certain it goes right every time, to the best of their ability. Should there be an error the patient and doctor should know so they can properly react not just guess that it may not have been effective.

There is an urgent patient safety issue, that with your help, can be fixed very quickly.