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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 87 TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS LICENSE FOR
METHODIST HOSPITAL OF GARY, INC., U.S. NRC MATERIALS LICENSE NO.
13-16558-01

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 87 to your U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Materials License No. 13-16558-01 in accordance with the letter dated November 11, 2024, signed by Wright Alcorn, Vice President of Operations, and your clarifying e-mail dated January 6, 2025.

This amendment adds authorization for Stephanie Lachowicz-Mahoney, M.S., to use cobalt-60 in a gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit (Elekta Model Esprit only) for calibration, spot checks and training.

Your e-mail dated January 23, 2025, stated that you would like to withdraw the request to add authorization for yttrium-90 TheraSpheres as described in the letter dated November 11, 2024, signed by Wright Alcorn, Vice President of Operations, and your letter received January 12, 2025. You may resubmit the request in the future providing all information, including facility diagram and description, commitment and procedures as specified in the [Yttrium-90 Microsphere Brachytherapy Sources and Devices TheraSphere® and SIR-Spheres® Licensing Guidance, April 20, 2021, Revision 10.2](#), including complete documentation of the training and experience of the proposed Authorized User. You may refer to Control Number 64412 to make reference to documentation previously submitted.

Please review the enclosed document carefully and be sure that you understand all conditions. If there are any errors or questions, please notify the U.S. NRC Region III office at (630) 829-9887 so that appropriate corrections or answers may be provided.

An environmental assessment for this action is not required because this action is categorically excluded under [Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Section 51.22\(c\)\(14\)](#).

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Sincerely,

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