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Dear Mr. Volavka:

I am writing on behalf of The Chester County Hospital in response to the upcoming release of the 2001 Hospital Performance Report. The Chester County Hospital continues to support the public reporting of information relating to the cost and outcomes of care provided in Pennsylvania hospitals.

In the data to be published on your web site, The Chester County Hospital is reported as having a mortality rate significantly greater than expected for the DRG 180, "Stomach and Intestinal Obstruction, complicated". This higher than expected mortality rate for this diagnosis included eight patients. Of these eight (8), six (6) patients had a "Do Not Resuscitate" order on day of admission. I also understand that "DNR" does not figure into the risk for mortality nor is it considered for exclusion criteria.

We appreciate your review of this comment and its inclusion in the published report. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the information presented herein.

Sincerely,

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