



Millcreek
Community
Hospital

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Mr. Mark P. Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Millcreek Community Hospital is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council's Hospital Performance Report for 2001.

It was noted in the report that Millcreek Community Hospital had mortality greater than expected for Heart Attack-Medical Management. Of 23 cases, seven patients died versus the expected outcome of three deaths. The number of mortalities can be explained by the following factors:

1. The average age of the seven deceased patients was 82, with the range of 78 to 93 years old.
2. All seven patients had multiple comorbidities.
3. Six of the expired patients had documentation of a do-not-resuscitate order.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments about the report.

Sincerely,

MILLCREEK COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Mary L. Eckert
President/CEO

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