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To Whom it May Concern;

This letter is in response to the recently distributed data in the 2001 Hospital Performance Report. We are requesting that it be included in the comments section of the Report.

Our comments are limited to the Mortality rating for Prostatectomy – Radical; which is designated “higher than expected”. A review of the data finds an extremely small sample size, ie 5 cases. One patient mortality indicates a 20% mortality compared to the expected mortality of .2 %.

A specific review of the case found this patient with many co-morbid conditions which impacted the outcome for this unfortunate patient. Prostatic carcinoma, hypertension and sickle cell anemia were present on admission. Following surgery the patient developed a disseminated intravascular coagulopathy, myocardial infarction and respiratory failure. A Do Not Resuscitate status for this patient precluded any additional medical intervention.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important data.

Sincerely,



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