



MEADVILLE MEDICAL CENTER

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Mr. Marc Volavka
Executive Director
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council
225 Market Street, Suite 400
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Enclosed, please find comments on Meadville Medical Center's data regarding mortality rates on fractured hip patients.

- * Of 81 discharges within this DRG, the expected mortality rate was calculated at 2.4. Actual mortality rate was calculated at 8.8. This actually represents seven patients.
- * Ages ranged from 78 to 91 years.
- * Four patients were graded with an admission severity score of 2, and three were graded at 3, indicating a higher than average admission severity score.
- * Of the seven patients, one had an ASA score of 2, as assigned by Anesthesia prior to surgery. Three had a score of 3, with 3 having a score of 4 assigned. This all represents patients with increasing comorbid conditions that led to their eventual outcomes.
- * Five of seven patients were "Do Not Resuscitate" at the time of their demise.

Overall, based on the comorbid conditions present, medical stability upon admission, ages, and code status, the outcomes experienced were not unexpected for Meadville Medical Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this data.

Sincerely,

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Quality Director

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