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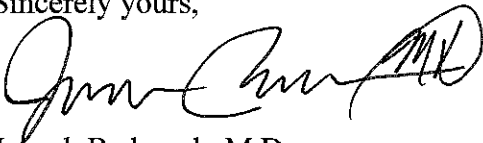
Dear Mr. Martin:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the information provided in the PHC<sub>4</sub> 2008-2009 Cardiac Surgery Report for Lower Bucks Hospital in Bristol, Pennsylvania.

We believe that no statistical conclusion can be drawn from low volume and when the majority of the patients are high risk. As a suggestion, for lower volume hospitals, aggregating data over a longer period of time, perhaps five (5) years, would allow more robust statistical analysis.

The Hospital continually strives for excellence in patient care. We continually analyze performance and process and make improvements that enhance systems and outcomes.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph Bednarek, M.D.  
Medical Director