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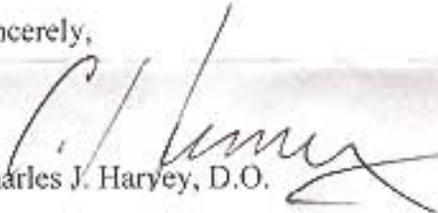
Marc P. Volavka  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

Publishing data such as your intention for total hip and knee replacements, fiscal year 2002 is a dangerous precedent. Data such as this may further limit the access of the severely debilitated patients to appropriate medical care. Physicians may be acutely aware that if complications are encountered, their "report card" will suffer. In that way, there will be an unconscious effort on the part of some physicians to avoid patients who may carry with them potential complications. This will further limit the access of care to some patients to local health care providers and may overload those healthcare providers located in University settings. These physicians are already overloaded by the present malpractice crisis in the State of Pennsylvania.

Therefore, I believe the public reporting of this data will adversely affect the ability of our more significantly involved patients to achieve adequate healthcare.

Sincerely,

  
Charles J. Harvey, D.O.

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