



May 4, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Holy Spirit Hospital appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the *Total Hip and Knee Replacements, FY 2002 – FINAL OUTCOME* report that will be released to the public in June 2005.

As reported in this PHC<sup>4</sup> release, 318 total hip and knee replacement procedures were performed at Holy Spirit Hospital in FY 2002. Our outcomes were all within the expected range.

We appreciate the work done by PHC<sup>4</sup> to provide a tool comparing outcomes of patients undergoing total hip and knee replacements in hospitals across the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Torchia'.

Joseph A. Torchia, M.D.  
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Clinical Resource Management

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