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Joe Martin, Executive Director
PA Health Care Cost Containment Council
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Dear Mr. Martin,

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the *Hospital Performance Report* for 2012. The report indicates that our risk-adjusted mortality is not statistically different than expected for the DRGs reported, with the exception of Stroke and Septicemia. We have identified the following characteristics that would contribute to any statistical difference.

Stroke (5 of 33 cases expired)

- 3 of 5 cases had Do Not Resuscitate papers signed by the patient or significant other due to the overall poor health condition of the patient.
- 4 of 5 cases were greater than 80 years old (1 of which was 101 years old)
- 5 of 5 cases were admitted via Emergency Department and EMS
- 5 of 5 cases had co-morbid conditions including Atrial Fibrillation (4), Congestive Heart Failure (3), Chronic End Stage Renal Disease (3) and Hypertension (4), all of which severely impacted survivability.

Septicemia (33 of 228 cases expired)

- 25 of 33 cases had Do Not Resuscitate papers signed by the patient or significant other due to the overall poor health condition of the patient.
- 19 of 33 cases were greater than 80 years old (10 of which were over the age of 90)
- 29 of 33 cases were admitted via Emergency Department and EMS (all 33 presented in critical condition on arrival.)
- 15 of 33 cases had a length of stay less than 48hrs.
- 33 of 33 cases had multiple co-morbid conditions including Myocardial Infarction, Congestive Heart Failure, End Stage Renal Disease, Diabetes Mellitus, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and other conditions which severely impacted survivability.

Roxborough Memorial Hospital has an effective Performance Improvement program and we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on our clinical outcomes. The information from this report will be utilized in our performance improvement efforts.

Very Truly Yours,

Peter J. Adamo
Chief Executive Officer