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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE PNO-I-01-11

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE safety or public interest significance. The information is as initially received without verification or evaluation, and is basically all that is known by the Region I staff on this date.

**Facility**

Hamot Medical Center  
201 State Street  
Erie, PA 16550

**Licensee Emergency Classification**

☐ Notification of Unusual Event  
☐ Alert  
☐ Site Area Emergency  
☐ General Emergency  
☒ Not Applicable

Docket No.: 030-02949  
License No.: 37-00444-02

**SUBJECT: MEDICAL MISADMINISTRATION**

On May 1, 2001, Hamot Medical Center in Erie, PA, notified Region I of a medical misadministration involving an underdose to a therapeutic radioiodine patient. The patient was scheduled to receive 150 millicuries of Iodine-131 for thyroid ablation therapy on the afternoon of April 26, 2001. The dose was comprised of three capsules. Two of the three capsules were administered with a total activity delivered of 110 millicuries. The third capsule apparently stuck to the inside of the vial and was not delivered to the patient. The vial was returned to the radiopharmacy on April 27, 2001. The shipping containers were opened on April 30 and the radiation monitor at the radiopharmacy alarmed. The pharmacist discovered the remaining capsule which he immediately placed in the hood. The pharmacist subsequently notified Hamot Medical Center of the found capsule. The patient and referring physician have been notified.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

The Region I Office of Public Affairs is available to respond to public inquiries.

All information is current as of 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2001.

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