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To whom it may concern;

As I read through the response's to Peter Crane's petition I can not help but wonder what these doctors are thinking. Do they have their thyroid? Do they know what it is like to be "hypo"? They make it sound like patients are their normal self when they are released from the hospital. Have these doctors forgotten that the patients have been off their Thyroid Pills for at least two weeks, plus have been living on the low iodine diet from hell. After receiving their I131 treatment patients do not start taking their thyroid pill for at least another 48 hours. Even once patients begin taking their thyroid pills it could be up to six weeks before they are feeling normal again. How can these patients be expected to responsibly follow guidelines they are sent home with?

I live alone, and I was sent home after my treatment. I was so weak I could barely get out of bed to make it to the bathroom. I couldn't cook for myself. I lived on water & raisins. I lost five pounds in three days.

As for the comments I read regarding the amount of money that is saved because patients are sent home.... how can that be an issue? How can the cost of a few nights in the hospital justify the safety of other people?

As for the reasons made for changing the rule years ago, my understanding of how patients are treated when they do stay in the hospital, visitors are not allowed, so how would the clergy be exposed?

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