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Minor Correction to Comment Submitted March 6, 2006

In the last paragraph of the brief comment I submitted on March 6, I made reference to a commenter who had described an arrangement between a hospital and a hotel by which high-dose I-131 patients were routinely sent there, and received a special rate. In fact, this statement did not appear in a comment to the NRC docket, but in a recent comment to a listserv of thyroid cancer patients. (I was out of the country on March 6, and was relying on memory.) The actual exchange, which in the interest of privacy I present here with names deleted, is as follows:

February 21, 2006:

1. Patient A:

I had 150 mci RAI last October. It was a living hell to me, too. I was left in a hotel room to die! I really thought that those were my last days with no human in sight. I couldn't eat nor drink for the first 2 days. I didn't (unable to) take shower nor use bath room. Don't even mention "flush twice." The third day I managed drink some water.

Patient B:

While your situation is definitely more extreme than most of us have, it is a another example why going to a hotel after RAI is VERY inappropriate. You have no one to rely on should you become ill or need assistance.

Patient A:

You are absolutely right, "B." I didn't plan to check in a hotel. I was told I would stay in hospital for 1-2 days after RAI since my dose was high enough to qualify. But the radiation department said my endo didn't give them the request for hospital stay. They didn't have room for me. They referred me to a hotel where they refer all their patients to for a minimum rate.

I stayed in the hotel for the first 3 days. On day 3, I had post RAI scan then I was driven to my vacation home (4 hr away from the hospital). The whole thing is still a nightmare haunting me. Anyway, I can't agree with you more on this hotel thing.

I realize that the comment period elapsed four days ago, but given that this constitutes a correction of the record, and that the NRC has said that comments submitted after March 6 will be considered if practicable, I trust that this correction will be posted promptly along with the other comments received. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Crane

March 10, 2006

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Attached for docketing is a comment letter on the above noted PRM from Peter Crane that I received via the rulemaking website on 3/10/06.

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