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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Dr. John E. Glenn
Chief, Medical and Commercial Use
Safety Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop 6H3
One White Flint
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Dr. Glenn:

The May 21, 1991, Federal Register published the final rule for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission standards for protection against radiation. The Department of Army licensees will implement the new standard effective January 1, 1993.

The Army has chosen the January 1, 1993, implementation date to allow the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to publish guides to assist in the implementation of the new standard and to allow Army to institute policy changes required for implementation consistent with those guides.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. John Rankin or Ms. Patricia Elker with the U.S. Army Materiel Command at (703) 274-9475.

Sincerely,

Lewis D. Walker
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health)
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MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL — HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

ALASDAIR K. T. CONN, M.D.

Chief of Emergency Services
Massachusetts General Hospital
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(617) 724-4123

Assistant Professor of Surgery



March 9, 1992

Mr. Peter Connetta
Radiation Protection Office
Army Materials Technical Lab
405 Arsenal Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172

Dear Mr. Connetta:

Enclosed are two copies of the Massachusetts General Hospital Transfer Agreement, signed by Dr. Buchanan, the General Director. In order to finalize the arrangement, simply sign both copies. Keep one for your files and return the other to:

Alasdair K.T. Conn, MD
Chief, Emergency Services
Massachusetts General Hospital
32 Fruit Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02114

Should you have any questions regarding the Agreement, please feel free to call Dr. Conn at 724-4123.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Hardy
Secretary to AKT Conn, MD

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TRANSFER AGREEMENT
(Emergency Patients)

This Agreement is entered into by and between The General Hospital Corporation (the General) and ARMY MATERIALS TECHNICAL LABORATORY (AMTL) (Transferring Hospital) effective as of MARCH 1, 1992. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the appropriate transfer of patients requiring emergency services between the Transferring Hospital and the General or the Shriners Burns Institute.

1. Initiation of Transfer

In the event that an attending physician at the Transferring Hospital or the Transferring Hospital Emergency Room physician, as the case may be (the Transferring Physician), determines that the transfer of a patient to the General or to the Shriners Burns Institute is medically required or appropriate, he or she shall initiate such a transfer by contacting the General at (617) 724-4100. An appropriate physician (Accepting Physician) at the General will be available at this telephone number to discuss the proposed transfer. The Transferring Hospital and Transferring Physician shall be responsible for establishing direct communication with the Accepting Physician about the proposed transfer, including the furnishing of information regarding the medical status of the patient. The Transferring Hospital and Transferring Physician shall also be responsible for the arrangements and details of the transfer, if accepted by the General, including any specialized care required prior to the transfer, appropriate transportation arrangements, equipment and trained personnel (Transport Personnel) during transit and appropriate instructions to Transport Personnel.

2. Acceptance of Transfer

The decision to accept the transfer shall be at the sole discretion of the General through its Accepting Physician, in accordance with the General's admission screening criteria, its determination as to the medical appropriateness of the transfer and the availability of resources at the General. If the General accepts the transfer, the Transferring Hospital and the Transferring Physician shall follow the procedures described in Section 4 of this Agreement; and the General and the Accepting Physician shall cooperate in this process.

3. Patient Consent

Before transferring any patient to the General, the Transferring Hospital shall obtain written consent to the transfer from the patient or the patient's representative, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A.

4. Transfer Procedures

In addition to the responsibilities described in Section 1 above, the Transferring Physician shall personally confer with the Accepting Physician and ensure that the written information described in Attachment B accompanies the patient to the General. Instructions for proper transfer procedures shall be given to Transport Personnel by the Transferring Physician. Instructions shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding:

(a) airway maintenance; (b) fluid volume replacement; and
(c) special procedures that may be necessary. The Transferring Physician shall also instruct the Transport Personnel to notify the General of the patient's arrival at the General through Central Medical Emergency Direction (C-MED).

5. Billing

The General shall bill each patient or appropriate third party payor for services rendered to the patient at the General.

6. Term

This Agreement shall terminate one year from the date it is executed by both parties, unless sooner terminated by one of the parties as set forth herein. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by providing written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement to the other party. Such termination shall be effective upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after receipt of such written notice.

7. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, superseding all prior agreements, understandings or contracts relating to the same subject matter and may be amended only by a written agreement signed by both parties.

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8. Applicable Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of law for any reason, then such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL CORPORATION

By: Paul J. Mahoney, MD

GENERAL DIRECTOR

Title

4 March 92
Date

(Transferring Hospital)

By: _____

Date

Title

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ATTACHMENT A

Consent to Transfer

I, _____, hereby consent and agree as follows:

1. I agree to be transferred from the (Transferring Hospital) to the Massachusetts General Hospital (the General) to receive necessary medical care, including the following specialized services:

2. The transfer procedures have been explained to me by _____ and I understand them and agree to be bound by them.

Signature of Patient
or Patient's Representative

Relationship to Patient

Date Signed

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ATTACHMENT B

The Transferring Hospital shall ensure that written information regarding the nature of the patient's illness, the treatment given and the patient's status at the time of transfer accompanies the patient to the General. The following information must be provided:

- a) patient's name, address, hospital number and age and the name, address and telephone number of the patient's next of kin, and relationship of patient to next of kin;
- b) history of injury or illness;
- c) condition on admission to Transferring Hospital;
- d) vital signs before admission to Transferring Hospital, during stay in Transferring Hospital's Emergency Room and at the time of transfer;
- e) treatment rendered to patient, including medications given and route of administration;
- f) laboratory findings and x-ray films and reports;
- g) type and volume of fluids given;
- h) name, telephone number and address of Transferring Physician;
- i) name of Accepting Physician; and
- j) primary language spoken by the patient if other than English.

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