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799 Roosevelt Road
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ATTENTION: Kasandra McDonald

REFERENCE: Control #79558

Dear Ms. McDonald:

Our previous preceptor statement stated that Dr. Raval had trained from 1973 - 1976, and Dr. Hafiz had trained from 1963 - 1967, to administer and diagnose I-131 hyperthyroid treatment. It is now my understanding that the training must be documented five years prior to license application.

Dr. Raval and Dr. Hafiz have been actively involved since their training, under my supervision, in the diagnosis and treatment of carcinoma of the thyroid, hyperthyroidism and other diseases detected by nuclear imaging. Their training, as with everyone, is on-going and continual.

I hope that this alleviates any difficulties in the processing of our preceptor statement. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John C. Melnick, M.D.
Director, Department of Radiology
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