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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter at the request of counsel for Washington Hospital Center, Brian J. Nash, in reference to the matter of Paul Gross as Guardian and Conservator of the Estate of Lyn Gross v. Washington Hospital Center, Civil Action 2012CA007190 B.

At the time settlement was entered into between the parties in the underlying civil action (Gross v Washington Hospital Center, et al., 2005 CA 003365) in April/May 2007, I was the Chief Medical Officer/Senior Vice President of Washington Hospital Center. In that capacity, I was involved in the negotiations that took place at that time. I personally agreed in principle with the terms and conditions of that settlement and took the necessary actions to implement the change in the hospital's policies in the clinical setting that formed the basis for that lawsuit. As I understood the genesis of requested "written policy" change, to which the Hospital agreed, the concern of Mr. Gross and his counsel was that when an interventional procedure took place in the Department of Radiology (as was the situation with Mrs. Gross), there were not adequate safeguards in place so that an attending neurosurgeon would (a) be aware of the patient's existence in the hospital; and (b) would assume responsibility for that patient post-procedure. The other issue we were asked to consider was a "certification" by the interventional radiologist that the patient had been discussed with a hospital attending and that the attending agreed to accept post-procedure care of the patient.

I am writing at this time to confirm that very shortly after settlement was reached between plaintiff and the Hospital, I took definitive action as Chief Medical Officer/Senior Vice President of Washington Hospital Center to change the policy of the hospital in this clinical setting. At the time of Mrs. Gross' procedure, the interventional radiologist was permitted under the hospital's credentialing to admit his/her patients to the hospital. Accordingly, no arrangements for follow-up care by a neurosurgeon were required. That has changed as a result of the Gross v Washington Hospital Center settlement.

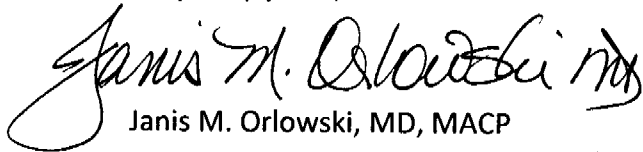
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As noted previously, I was directly involved in this "policy" change. Shortly after the above-referenced settlement was reached, I presented a policy change to the Credentialing Committee of the hospital whereby members of the Department of Radiology were no longer credentialed to admit patients to the hospital. All interventional procedures now require that communication take place between the interventional radiologist and the neurosurgery service so that neurosurgery is not only notified of the patient's existence in the hospital, but also is required to assume the admitting responsibility for such patients. Therefore, under the new policy, neurosurgery is the admitting service for such patients and is, in fact, responsible for that patient's care post-procedure while the patient remains in the hospital.

Such changes were made in 2007 and remain in effect to this date. By making these changes, we have assured that the neurosurgery service is: (a) aware of the patient pre-procedure and (b) is the responsible admitting service for that patient during his/her hospitalization. Accordingly, it is the neurosurgery service that knowingly undertakes the post-procedure care of such patients.

It was and is my firm belief that these changes in procedures, which were made as a direct result of the settlement reached in 2007, fully meet the terms, conditions and spirit of the agreement reached between the patient, through her husband and counsel, and the Washington Hospital Center.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janis M. Orłowski, MD, MACP". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

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