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Dear Ms. Holiday-Hanson:

This letter is in response to the 2014 Hospital Inpatient Mortality Indicators published by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. Upon review, Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas has the appearance of worse than average mortality rate in the category of Craniotomy when compared to the Statewide Rate.

All six (6) 2013 craniotomy mortality cases were reviewed and it was determined that the care and management of patients was appropriate. Analysis revealed a combination of patients who either presented to the hospital with large brain hemorrhages, developed large brain hemorrhages while in the hospital, presented to the hospital with advanced cancer, or a very large stroke. Patients with the type of brain hemorrhage described and the other cases reviewed have a poor prognosis despite receiving evidence based treatment.

Scripps Encinitas remains dedicated to safe patient care for all of our patients and will continue to monitor the mortality and quality of care for patients who undergo Craniotomy. The hospital has received many quality awards for the care given to our patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Accardi".

Andrew Accardi M.D.
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana Jackson".

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