



The Heart of Mountain Healthcare

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Dear Dr. Parker:

Regarding the OSHPD Public Release of AHRQ Hospital Inpatient Mortality Indicators for 2006 and 2007, we hereby request that this letter be posted and linked to Mountains Community Hospital's results.

Specifically regarding our AHRQ Hospital Inpatient Mortality Indicator for Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage:

Mountains Community Hospital had five (5) inpatient deaths in 2007. One of these deaths fell into the AHRQ Hospital Inpatient Mortality Indicator for Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage. This patient was living at Mountains Community Hospital's Skilled Nursing Facility for end of life care and was a "do not resuscitate" patient. He developed a hemorrhagic gastrointestinal bleed and was transferred to our Inpatient Unit for comfort measures and expired later that day. This one death due to gastrointestinal hemorrhage accounted for 20% of our total deaths.

If you have any questions please call me at (909) 436-3200.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Harrison
Chief Executive Officer