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Good afternoon Mr. Rodriguez,

Patient safety is the top priority at Danbury, New Milford and Norwalk Hospitals of the Western Connecticut Health Network. We are dedicated to providing the best quality care to patients and reducing the incidence of hospital-acquired infections. Our hospitals are working on many fronts to achieve this goal.

Danbury, New Milford and Norwalk Hospitals are committed to the elimination of healthcare associated infections through adherence to evidenced-based infection prevention practices driven by our multidisciplinary teams. Areas of specific infection prevention focus include a broad hand hygiene initiative yielding greater than 90% rate, multidisciplinary teams working toward zero infections for central line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter associated urinary tract infections and surgical site infections, a healthcare worker Influenza vaccination program with vaccination rates greater than 90% and a strong infection prevention program with infection preventionists, infectious disease physicians, and other clinicians working together to address improved education, adoption of best practices and evaluating patient outcomes in response to prevention strategies.

Additionally, we are working collaboratively through CHA to continuously improve care, along with key stakeholders like DPH, Qualidigm, and most recently CMS on its national patient safety initiative, Partnership for Patients.

Because healthcare-associated infections occur across the continuum of care, we are also participating in the CDC's Emerging Infections Program (EIP) through the DPH's HAI Division. Through this program, we're focused on reducing central line-associated bloodstream infections, C. difficile, MRSA, and multiple drug-resistant organisms.

*Simply put, we believe that any infection is one too many, and Danbury, New Milford and Norwalk Hospitals will not be satisfied until we get to zero HAIs.
Thank you for your consideration.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Brentlinger".

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