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RE: Day Kimball Hospital Response to Department of Public Health Public Reporting of Facility-Specific Healthcare-Associated Infections Data

Dear Dr. Melchreit:

In the spirit of transparency and with the goal of continuous quality improvement, we continue to support the Department of Public Health's Public Reporting Program. Patient safety is the top priority of Day Kimball Hospital, and we are committed to providing the best quality care to patients and reducing the incidence of hospital-acquired infections. We believe that any infection is one too many and Day Kimball will not be satisfied until we achieve zero healthcare associated-infections.

To that end, we have a comprehensive infection prevention program that has been in place for more than 30 years. This hospital-wide, multi-disciplinary effort encompasses a variety of initiatives focused on evidence-based best practices to prevent and reduce infections acquired by patients in our hospital. Our priority infection prevention focus includes central line-associated blood stream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, and surgical site infections. Through a team-based process, we have had a significant reduction of hospital infections – saving lives, decreasing the length of a patient's hospital stay, and reducing the cost of healthcare.

Our infection prevention program is just one example of our commitment to achieve the best clinical outcomes for our patients, while maintaining a safe and healing environment. That is why each and every employee of Day Kimball Hospital takes pride in providing our patients with excellent care of the highest quality.

Sincerely,



John N. Graham, MD
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