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National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
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Dear Sirs

HSE Incident 25 September 2012

As you may be aware, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) entered a plea of guilty before the Inner London Crown Court on 12 December 2014 regarding an injury suffered during surgery by Mr Michael Wilcock. Unfortunately, articles in the popular press have suggested that the injury was caused by a defect in the HotDog patient warming system that was in use during Mr Wilcock's surgery. This is untrue. Thorough testing by the Health and Safety Laboratory on behalf of HSE revealed no defect in the HotDog warming equipment and the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Agency (MHRA) did not send out any alert because responsibility for the injury to the patient was caused solely by MTW staff. No blame should attach to HotDog warming. MTW has accepted full responsibility for this incident.

Yours faithfully



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cc John Sheath, Partner, Brachers LLP