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Dr. Reza Forghani
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SUBJECT: Retrospective Chart Review CR15-03 "Silver Nitrate Mimicking a Foreign Body in the Pharyngeal Mucosal Space"

Dear Dr. Forghani,

Subsequent to the receipt and review of the above-mentioned project, please be advised that your request for permission to review 1 medical chart for a case report at the Jewish General Hospital as part of your clinical research project is granted.

It is our understanding that this is a case report describing the imaging features of silver nitrate on computed tomography and its potential to mimic a radio-opaque foreign body. This case was initially misinterpreted as a foreign body but based on careful assessment by head and neck Radiology and ENT service it was determined that the density seen on CT was secondary to treatment with silver nitrate at the outside hospital and not a foreign body. As a result, the patient was spared from any unnecessary invasive procedure/exploration that would have to be considered. There are very few reports like this and none using CT or in the neck in the literature. The case report would be valuable for others in their decision making and the experience is work sharing with the medical community. This retrospective chart review will be done by you. The data will be collected anonymously and kept in a password protected computer in the Radiology Department. No contact will be made with patients at any time during this retrospective chart review.

For your information, the above-mentioned protocol will be presented for corroborative approval at the next meeting of the Research Ethics Committee to be held on February 13, 2015.

This approval is for the period of one year at which point you must request permission once again. Please contact Ms. Louise Tanguay, Director at the Medical Records Department of the Jewish General Hospital to arrange for consulting charts. She may be contacted at (514) 340-8222, ext. 8202.

Respectfully,



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