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The Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

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Dr. J. Marc Rhoads  
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Dear Drs. Rhoads and Imseis:

As the Director of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, I would like to clarify our position on Case Reports. The IRB does not consider case reports of three or less patients to be research. Your Case Report of a single patient did not therefore require review by this IRB. In addition, we would not require informed consent from that particular individual as personally identifiable information would not be abstracted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Edmonds  
Director