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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Vilandre

FROM: Henry Blackburn

Dear John,

Thanks for your detailed memo on the Boston and New York ECG centers. I was a shocked as clearly you were at the total failure of standard-ization and attention at the Boston center. Does this lead you to suggest to Dr. Rautaharju and Dr. Eifler that we have a regular site visit tour to cover all centers to check on protocol activities and that we have an occasional retraining class when technicians or physicians change to guarantee continued standardization? I think if one center can demonstrate such severe departures from protocol that we have a potentially serious situation. I would be interested in your and Dr. Crow's and Prineas' reaction and what communication you had with Halifax on this matter. I am glad to hear that Dr. Lown received you so well and was concerned about the poor performance of that center.

Again, many thanks for your level headed help in this situation and your very even-tempered report which achieves its purposes very well.

pc: Dr. Rautaharju

Dr. Prineas

Dr. Crow

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