#### Supportive Documentation: Response to Reviewers

2/15/10

**Application Title:** Primary Hip Interventions for Patients with Low Back Pain and Hip Impairments: A Case Series

**Application Number: 2009Y6915**

12/17/09 13:45:14 jonlasser:

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Please submit revisions, along with a document that details how you have addressed the concerns below.

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The use of medical records, as indicated, does not indicate consent for research.

Are subjects being denied the results; if so, why?

Selection of subjects - process, recruitment - equitable?

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I must agree with the other reviewer that permission for the use of the records be sought from the patients whose charts will be examined. Furthermore,I agree that those patients should be provided with the findings of the research. this seems particularly important given that it might help them in regard to future treatment.

**2/15/10 – Response:**

It seems the reviewers are looking for some form of informed consent for the project. However, this is a retrospective case series dealing with de-identified data from physical therapy visits already performed and completed. We will just be collecting that data from our partner clinicians, and I do not think consent is required in that instance. In fact, it would be near impossible to obtain as the episodes of care will be completed.

Since this is a non-experimental design without patient-identified data, it’s my impression and that I my colleagues that I do not need informed consent to collect data that was recorded previously as part of their normal episode of care. Please advise.

Regards,

Eric Robertson