

St. Francis Hospital



THE HEART CENTER

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NIOSH Docket Office
Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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4676 Columbia Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45226

Re: Proposed New Certification Process
For Personal Respirators

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your responsiveness to the concerns of health care providers in "introducing science into the process for certifying respiratory protective devices."

We at St. Francis Hospital strongly believe in the need to balance worker safety, patient care and containment of costs. We need to promote respiratory protection "that is actually wearable in the health care delivery situation."

Therefore, we endorse and encourage the NIOSH proposed rule published in the May 24, 1994 Federal Register which would change current procedures for testing and certifying air purifying respirators.

Very truly yours,

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