TO: The Board of Registration in Medicine

FROM: Francis X. Connelly

RE: Public Comments On Regulations. 243 CMR 3.00 section 3.10

DATE: March 3, 2017

Dear Members of the Board,

For the benefit of the patient and his/her family, for the benefit of the hospital and staff, and for the benefit of the attending physician(s), I believe that it is important that the attending physician or primary operator should obtain informed consent from the patient or proxy before any medical procedure is commenced.

I further believe that for the same reasons stated above, the patient and family should be informed of who will be participating in the medical procedure, and that the name(s) of the attending physician or primary operator be recorded as attending or absent in the same way as attending nurses must sign in and sign out of the operating room.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to you for taking seriously the new regulations regarding Qualified Patient Care Assessment Programs. Putting the patient first is obviously a priority for you. Thank you.

Francis X. Connelly