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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
1242 Parklawn Drive
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Rockville, MD 20587

**RE: Waiver of Informed Consent, Dissemination of Information
Concentric Retriever System – G020163**

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to a letter dated December 2, 2002, Concentric Medical, Inc., is hereby submitting information in conformance with 21 CFR 50.24(a)(7)(ii). Currently, two (2) sites are enrolling patients using the Waiver of Consent: Columbia University (New York, NY) and University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA). Appropriate documentation concerning public disclosure to the communities in which the clinical investigation is being conducted is included with this letter. Should additional sites decide to use the Waiver of Consent, the Agency will be notified as necessary.

As required, this is being submitted in triplicate to the IDE Document Mail Center and one copy is being submitted to the Docket Management Branch.

If there are any questions relating to this submission, or if any additional information is required, please contact me directly at (650) 938-2100, extension 119.

Sincerely,

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March 1st, 2002

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Dear Mr. Papagni,

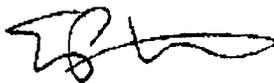
On February 28, 2002, John Pile-Spellman MD, Sundeep Mangla MD and Pierre Cobin MD met with the Community Health Council. They explained their research proposal "A Prospective, Non-Randomized Evaluation of the Concentric Retriever System for the Treatment of Neurovascular Thrombotic Occlusions" (IRB 14138).

They described the CRS and its role in treating acute ischemic strokes particularly, in patients with a contraindication to IV thrombolysis. They explained that in New York State, informed consent differs for treatment and research. And therefore, waiver is needed for patients who, as a result of having suffered acute ischemic strokes, are unable to give consent, are in need of treatment, and who they hypothesize would benefit from CRS.

The Council members expressed their opinion that, as it was explained, CRS is a potentially valuable instrument and this study should proceed. We look forward to hearing about the findings, next year.

The Health Council is comprised of community resident, patients; individuals employed in the community and representatives of the University and hospital.

Sincerely,



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PUBLIC MEETING INVITATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002 7:00 P.M.

All interested individuals are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss research studies being conducted at UCLA Medical Center which are designed for people who have just suffered a stroke.

The purpose of this public meeting is to explain the research procedures, risks and benefits and the need to enroll patients into the studies without their consent. You will be invited to ask questions and make comments during the meeting.

We would like to hear from you.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED at 6:30 P.M.

FREE PARKING on UCLA Campus - Westwood Blvd just North of LeConte, first right off of Westwood Blvd. You will be directed to the meeting in the Auditorium in the NPI Building

For more information call Judy Guzy 310-794-0591
or e-mail <jguzy@mednet.ucla.edu>

Dear :

Federal regulations and California law allow researchers to conduct emergency room clinical research with individuals that cannot provide legally effective informed consent if the Institutional Review Board (a medical ethics research committee) for that institution finds that the study fulfills the regulations for waiver of informed consent for emergency research (title 21 Code of Federal Regulations part 50.24). One of those conditions is the requirement to provide public disclosure of the research and community consultation with representatives of the communities from which subjects will be drawn.

Researchers at UCLA will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 12, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. to provide information to the public regarding their emergency research studies and to obtain feedback from the attendees.

Since the meeting will occur shortly, we request that you post, distribute, or announce this notice as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the public meeting or request additional information, please contact Judy Guzy, RN at 310-794-0591 or e-mail <jguzy@mednet.ucla.edu>.

Thank you for your time.

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