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Cst. John E. McDonald
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RE: Taser Less Lethal system

Dear Cst. McDonald,

Your request for comments on the Taser Less Lethal system was forwarded to me since Dr. Keon is presently out of town. I am a Cardiac Surgeon here at the Heart Institute as well as the Co-Director of the Pacemaker Clinic. I have reviewed the information you provided and I am reassured that this system appears to be safe for its use in controlling violent offenders.

It does not appear that the device would interfere in any significant way with pacemakers however, I did not see any information with regards to its use with patients with implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICD). I somehow doubt that the electrical signal created by the Taser electricity would activate the ICD but this was not commented on in your literature.

Otherwise, certainly the device appears to be quite effective in controlling violent offenders and I suspect that the extremely limited potential for causing any serious injury is far outweighed by the importance of controlling the offender safely and quickly.

I would be happy to discuss this with you at any time.

Yours Sincerely,

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