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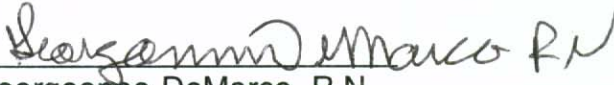
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Dear Sirs:

I firmly support the APIC recommendation that Health Care Workers wear respiratory protective devices that meet performance criteria outlined by the CDC in the Draft 1993 TB Guidelines.

In the last ten years of monitoring, my hospital has had NO TB conversions of Health Care Workers (wearing surgical masks) who cared for known TB patients or rule out TB patients.

Higher efficiency HEPA particulate respirators are NOT necessary in this hospital setting.


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