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Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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Dear Robert A. Taft Laboratories:

As an Infection Control Nurse, I am pleased to hear of the proposed testing and certification procedures for respirators used in TB control. The addition of a "Class C" respirator will increase availability of the masks while decreasing cost.

In our hospital, we have followed the "CDC Core Curriculum" guidelines on Tuberculosis and have found it effective for TB control.

We had used a 0.3 micron particle size mask for respiratory protection without evidence of transmission of TB to health care workers.

Hopefully, the new testing and certification procedures can be implemented soon so respirators will be readily available, since there is now a delay of 8-12 weeks to acquire the HEPA Respirator.

Sincerely,

Patricia Blöse

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