



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Office of Inspector General
Washington DC 20420

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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

This is in response to your February 5, 2016, letter to the VA Secretary regarding recent allegations by patients and former staff at the at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson, Arizona. The Office of Inspector General intends to open a formal healthcare inspection regarding the allegations related to staffing, timeliness of access to primary care, and sterilization of reusable medical equipment in April 2016. We will provide you with the results when it is completed.

Thank you for your interest in veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Inspector General