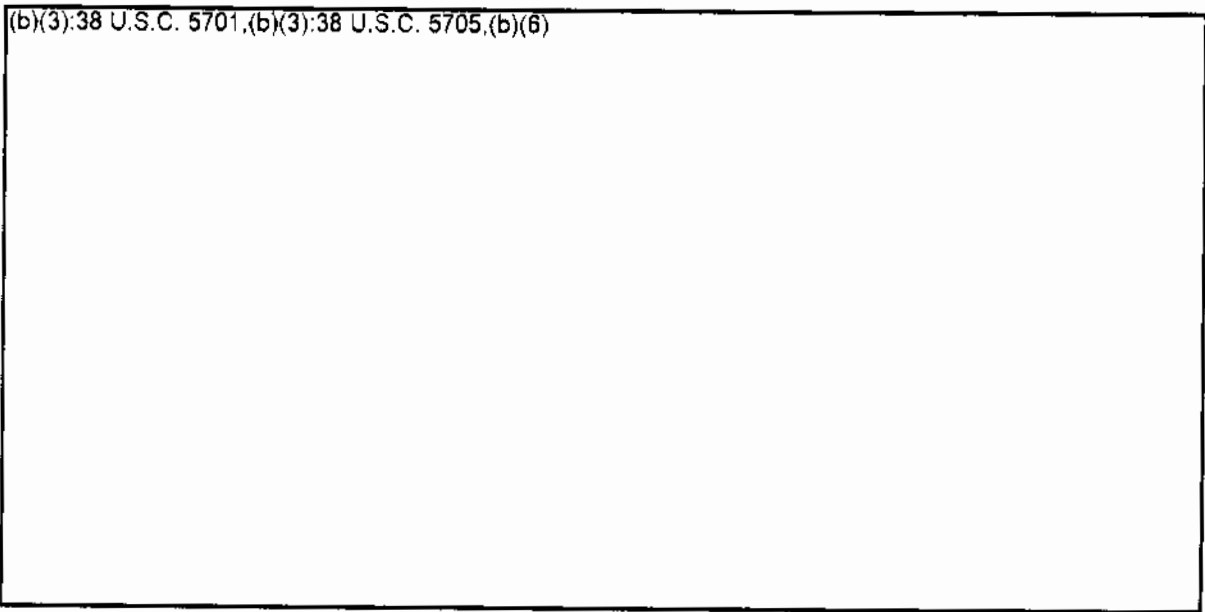


Administrative Closure
Alleged Quality of Care Issues
Grand Junction VA Medical Center (575/00)
Grand Junction, Colorado
MCI # 2012-00206-HI-0302

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) Hotline Division received an allegation that on October 6, 2011, the Grand Junction VA Medical Center's (facility) surgical team performed a lung biopsy, despite being downgraded on September 30, 2011 by VACO to a Level I complexity for surgical procedures. The procedure resulted in a punctured lung for which the patient was hospitalized.

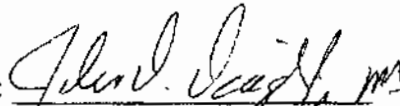
Because we learned that the facility had already conducted a review of this allegation, the OIG Office of Healthcare Inspections conducted an oversight review of the facility's response.

(b)(3):38 U.S.C. 5701, (b)(3):38 U.S.C. 5705, (b)(6)



We concurred with the facility's findings and we made no recommendations

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