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Johns Hopkins fined for radiation violations

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BALTIMORE — Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Hospital were fined \$370,000 for their handling of radiation materials and equipment.

Dawn Stoltzfus, a spokeswoman for the Department of the Environment, said most of the 19 alleged violations dealt with material security and not public health.

Stoltzfus says state inspectors found containers of solutions weren't properly labeled or securely stored. However, in one case a patient was given radioactive treatment to the wrong part of his body.

Hopkins spokeswoman Joann Rodgers said the patient was scheduled for treatment to that area at a different time and his treatment was adjusted once the error was discovered. Rodgers says Hopkins has "a difference of opinion" over the allegations, but takes them seriously.

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