

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on March 27, 2001, Dr. Jose E. Grau, Hudson, FL, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa, FL. Grau previously pled guilty for conspiring to defraud the TRICARE and Medicare health care programs by taking kickback payments from Community Clinical Laboratories, Inc., Clearwater, FL, for patient referrals. Grau was sentenced to 36 months probation, \$46,500 in restitution, a \$3,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment fee.

Community Clinical Laboratories, Inc., a blood laboratory, and its president, vice president and general manager, previously pled guilty to paying doctors kickbacks on April 7, 2000. To date, 14 doctors have been indicted for receiving kickbacks. In addition to today's sentencing, there have been 5 doctors convicted and sentenced. The total recoveries prior to today's sentencing are \$128,422.