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Dear Dr. Choy,

As someone who makes a living with words, I find myself in the unusual situation of not knowing what to say. In November 1998, my car was hit by someone pulling out of a parking lot. From that day until March 1999, when I came to you for PLDD, my life became a waking nightmare. My two herniated disks put tremendous pressure on the nerve roots, and I was slowly losing the use of my leg. I was unable to sit, unable to stand, unable to sleep and becoming unable to function.

I tried everything to avoid surgery. I was terrified of the outcomes – 60-70% success wasn't enough for me, and the risks with conventional back surgery were too high. I tried acupuncture, physical therapy, epidural steroids, anything and everything. It all worked for a while, but the pain finally became too strong to live with, and I wasn't sure I'd ever recover.

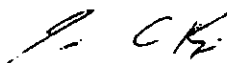
I had read about you in a book while I was researching back problems. My family had seen an article on your technique, and from that I found your website. Eureka! Finally, a place with solid medical information, and a possibility of a type of surgery that could minimize scar tissue complications and recovery time. Hopeful and desperate, my husband and I called your office and faxed my records.

I'll never forget your first words to us. You said simply, "I can help you." Your quiet confidence and your patience with our questions and concerns gave us hope. We came up to New York, and you agreed I was a good candidate for PLDD. I remember leaving your office, with my pain but for the first time in over six months with something very new – a sense that I might recover.

The surgery itself was as swift as you had promised. We operated on the two disks (L4-5 and S1-L5), and like so many others, I sat up on the table and my pain was already dramatically reduced. When I saw you the next morning, it had gone down even more and has continued to abate.

Dr. Choy, you did more than take away the unbearable pain. You gave me my life back. I don't know how to thank you for making it possible for me to have this surgery, or for the miraculous healing it's given me. When I saw my neurologist here, he was simply stunned. He refused to believe that my surgery was only two weeks previous to my seeing him, and has since deemed me to be fully neurologically normal – something other doctors told me would never happen. You gave me a miracle, and I will always be profoundly grateful to you and your wonderful staff for your care and concern. Thank you, in more ways than I can ever say.

With deep gratitude.



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