

NEUROLOGIC CENTER OF SOUTH FLORIDA
BOARD CERTIFIED NEUROLOGISTS

MICHAEL APTMAN, M.D.
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASES
PAIN DISORDERS

ENRIQUE J. CARRAZANA, M.D.
EPILEPSY
BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY

VICTOR FARADJI, M.D.
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY
NEUROLOGIC REHABILITATION

JORGE F. GONZALEZ, M.D.
MOVEMENT DISORDERS
CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY

TIMOTHY L. GRANT, M.D.
SLEEP DISORDERS

STEVEN A. KOBETZ, M.D.
HEADACHE
SPINAL DISORDERS

DAVID A. RACHER, M.D.
MEMORY DISORDERS
MOVEMENT DISORDERS

CARLOS RAMIREZ-MEJIA, M.D.
BOARD ELIGIBLE
EPILEPSY
NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
SLEEP DISORDERS

STEVE D. WHEELER, M.D.
HEADACHE
NEURMUSCULAR DISEASES

HOWARD L. ZWIBEL, M.D.
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

RAFAEL RIVAS-VAZQUEZ, Psy.D.
CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

GUSTAVO J. REY, Ph.D.
CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

JOSEPH A. WEST, M.S., LMHC
BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

BIOFEEDBACK
ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY
EVOKED POTENTIALS
INTRAOPERATIVE MONITORING
NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

BAPTIST MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
8940 NORTH KENDALL DRIVE
SUITE 802-E
MIAMI, FL 33176
TELEPHONE (305) 595-4041
FAX (305) 595-6638

March 24, 2000

Kevin Bender, M.D.
7707 N. University Drive, Suite 107
Tamarac, FL 33321
(via facsimile: 1-954-722-4226)

RE: [REDACTED]
Office Visit
Dated: 3/22/00

Dear Dr. Bender:

Mr. Hirtz returns for follow-up. He had a remarkable surgical procedure by Dr. Choy in New York City on March 14th at L3-4 and L5-S1. The patient noted almost immediate relief of his symptoms which has been preserved to the present time. He has developed no new weakness, numbness or paresthesia.

On repeat exam, the head and neck are normal. There is no tenderness over the lumbosacral region. There is tenderness over the right buttock, but not over the left. Straight leg raising is negative at 90 degrees bilaterally. Vital signs are stable. Mental status reveals the patient to be alert and thrilled with the relief of his symptoms following the above surgical procedure. Motor and sensory exams are intact. Reflexes are now 2+ and symmetric, including knee and ankle jerks; previously, they were mildly diminished on the right. Plantar response is flexion/flexion. Cranial nerves are intact. Gait and coordination are within normal limits, allowing for the recent postoperative course. The remainder of the neurologic exam is normal.

IMPRESSION:

The patient is a 65-year-old gentleman with marked improvement in lumbosacral radiculopathy following a new, dramatic procedure by Dr. Choy in New York City.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I have recommended that the patient start a course of physical therapy beginning on April 14th three times a week for six weeks to include gentle back education, back-strengthening, and back stretching. I plan to see the patient in follow-up in one month, per the protocol for his surgical procedure in order to check on his progress.

All of the above was discussed in detail with the patient and his wife, I have given them all of the usual precautions, and this letter was dictated in their presence.

Sincerely,

Michael Aptman, M.D.