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Dear Dr. Epstein,

I am writing with regard to the consideration being given to the promotion of Barry Fogel M.D. to the rank of Associate Professor. I have known Dr. Fogel for about three years through his interest in the problems of the elderly and the development of a medical/surgical psychiatric unit. For his fellowship in geriatrics, Barry consulted me with regard to the collection and analysis of the data of the ECT treated cases.

In our association, I found him knowledgeable and enthusiastic. He is well read and has a historical and political perspective on the treatments of the elderly. His experience in treating patients in the medical/surgical unit has given him a unique skill and the assurance to manage these difficult cases well.

I am unable to assess his teaching skills, as I have not had an opportunity to observe him in a lecture or conference situation.

His skill as a clinician and his scholarship are important assets and encourage an enthusiastic recommendation for his promotion. I believe that his record would be considered favorably in this Department, and with that in mind, I heartily endorse the favorable consideration of his application.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry