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Dr. John Tamerin
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Dear John,

I would be pleased to participate in a seminar on research methodology for the advanced residents in the Department of Psychiatry, and could participate in December or January. Best is to call me any afternoon at 369-7900 x246,248 to confirm a date.

There are three diverse subjects in which we are now active and you should pick one for your staff interest. I will send the appropriate reprints.

The longest study period has been dedicated to the problem of measuring the changes in brain function associated with treatments of mental illness; the development of the digital computer techniques which can be seen at 5 East 102 Street; and the application to the evaluation of new drugs. This is an advanced subject, somewhat esoteric, but of high intellectual interest.

Another is the evaluation of ECT and the development of an understanding of its mode of action. The recent studies are dedicated to the interrelations of electrode location, memory, clinical effects and changes in brain function measures. This is the most relevant to clinical practice and the most practical.

The third is the use of narcotic antagonists in the treatment and prevention of opiate dependence. The clinical and laboratory studies are interesting, but less basic than the other two subjects. Our views on this treatment, methadone and the psychotherapies are most controversial.

Thanks again for the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry