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Dr. A. Collins  
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Dear Dr. Collins,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dr. Arthur ZAKS, who is an applicant for admitting privileges at Lenox Hill Hospital.

I have known Arthur since his days as a resident in psychiatry at the New York Medical College in 1968. He was an outstanding student, a willing and enthusiastic worker and a keen observer. He began his research studies as a resident and then continued until the end of 1972 to lead one of the research teams in my Division of Biological Psychiatry. He was a major contributor to our studies of opiate dependence and has contributed much to our understanding of the usefulness of methadone maintenance, levomethadyl, heroin challenges, the interaction of opioids and narcotic antagonists and the specific properties of naloxone. He was active in the study of naloxone pamoate, one of a group of long acting opiod antagonists.

He is an outstanding clinician and researcher. He is well liked by his patients and by the staff. My enthusiasm for his work was such that when I accepted a position at this University, I recommended that he be promoted to take over the responsibility for the narcotic research program, then running on grants and contracts at a level of more than \$500,000 a year. I regretted his decision to leave with me and to enter private practice, but since then I have continued to share in his studies and interests.

I recommend him highly and can think of few other trainees with as much skill and responsibility as he has demonstrated.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.  
Professor of Psychiatry