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Dear Dr. Cohen,

This letter is with regard to Mrs. Sandy Ruttenberg of Pittsburgh, who has sought your advice about a gynecological problem.

About a decade ago, Mrs. Ruttenberg had symptoms referable to the CNS and in an examination, an abnormal electroencephalogram, consistent with seizure disorder, was reported. Phenytoin was prescribed, with the admonition that it be continued indefinitely.

After a number of years, she sought advice as to whether such treatment was terminable. Re-examination and repeat EEG found no evidence of CNS disorder, and phenytoin was discontinued, without recurrence of CNS symptoms.

Two years ago, she again experienced some symptoms which could have been of cerebral origin. Neurological, EEG and other imaging tests failed to define a CNS lesion or disorder and no treatment was prescribed. Her symptoms remitted and she has not had other CNS symptoms since.

In the absence of neurological complaints, there is no reason in this experience which would preclude her receiving any treatment for a gynecological disorder, including surgery requiring general anesthesia.

Sincerely yours,

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