

May 9, 1966

Chairman, Credentials Committee
Medical Staff
North Shore Hospital
Manhasset, New York

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Abraham Kaplan of Alger Road, Kings Point, New York. I have known Dr. Kaplan since January 1962, when we both were first appointed as residents in psychiatry at the Hillside Hospital. Following our residency training, Dr. Kaplan participated in a series of research programs in the Department of Experimental Psychiatry and was consultant for me during the period 1954-58 when I maintained a private practice of neuropsychiatry. Since 1958 we have been friends and I have been aware of his keen interest in clinical practice.

Dr. Kaplan came to psychiatry from general practice. At all times I have found him to be a most sincere, thorough, considerate and reliable physician. In his collaboration in our study programs, we found his clinical judgment to be excellent and were most pleased that he was able to complete a number of studies, one of which culminated in a special award from the hospital.

I have had the opportunity to discuss his case load with him on numerous occasions and found his descriptions and enthusiasm for his patients to be outstanding. When I left practice in 1958 I transferred a number of my most severe mentally ill to his care and I was most gratified by their eventual course.

I would recommend him as a senior member of your attending staff without reservation and believe that he would participate with enthusiasm and interest. I would like to add that I have watched the growth of the North Shore Hospital from its early development and was most gratified when the Department of Psychiatry was established. I know the needs which led to this development and was a participant in some of the early planning. I believe Dr. Kaplan can and will make a significant contribution to the hospital's program.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

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