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Dr. H. Folkerts
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Dear Dr. Folkerts,

One week fellowship courses are available at Columbia University [Harold Sackeim, Ph.D., New York State Psychiatric Institute, 722 West 168 Street, NYC 10032] and at Duke University [Richard Weiner M.D., Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, Duke University School of Medicine, Box 3309, Durham NC 27710]. These are formal courses, with a set syllabus. They charge a fee and provide a certificate of completion at the end of the course.

At one time, we had such a course but the work was too onerous. We often have visitors who come for a day or a week or longer. We are accustomed to having visitors attend our rounds to see the patients on my service; attend the ECT sessions; and work with my ECT Fellows. The latter are directly responsible for the actual administration of the treatments and they supervise the ongoing research projects. We do not charge visitors, nor do we provide an 'official' document of attendance.

Our laboratory is equipped with the THYMATRON DG and MECTA SR-1 and SR-2 ECT devices. These are brief pulse devices. Our treatments are fully monitored according to the best established standards. We also treat a number of high risk medically ill, as we are a tertiary care referral center for complicated cases.

The best time to visit would be when I am 'on service', responsible for the treatment of patients at University Hospital. I am 'on service' in February/March this spring, and again later this summer.

If you decide to come to Stony Brook, it would be helpful to have a letter of referral or request for attendance from the director at the clinic.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry