

May 30, 1988

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Dear David,

Last month you enquired about support for continued research in ECT. At the APA meetings, I became acquainted with the NARSAD program. This looks like an appropriate place for you, with Barry's support, to obtain funds for your research.

Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
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April 7, 1988

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Dear David,

I know of no special foundation grants in electroconvulsive therapy. From time to time, we have been able to get special funding for a seminar or a colloquium at a meeting from some of the ECT companies or a few small foundations. But fellowship money sufficient to allow someone like yourself to develop an academic career has generally come from the National Institute of Mental Health.

There has been an announcement of a new career fellowship program for medical graduates who have less than five years of post-residency experience. You may qualify and should consider applying. One applicant called me and asked whether I would agree to having him study here for a training period of one to two months, and I agreed. If you wish to arrange such a training program, I will do what I can to make the arrangements at those centers that may be of interest to you.

As for project grants, these come exclusively from NIMH. There is a special fund at Veterans Administration hospitals which allows investigators to get start-up funds (\$25,000) and then to apply through a special VA funding program.

The work here is going well. We have started a five-day CME 'hands-on' training program in ECT. The first class went through in February; we are scheduling the second for the week of May 16. Our research projects are running well and we have a steady output of papers. Larry has taken over the in-patient service; Krish Gujavarty is moving to the V.A. I append a list of our active ECT projects for your information.

Tell Barry that I included a review of his book (which I like very much) in the next issue of CONVULSIVE THERAPY. My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
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