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Dear Dr. Wexler,

I am pleased to write this letter describing my experience with **Barry Kramer, M.D.** who is being considered for promotion to the rank of Professor of Clinical Psychiatry. I have known of his work since his appointment at Hillside Hospital and to this Department in 1978. Until 1982, we collaborated on ECT projects during his tenure. In 1985, when I assumed the editorship of the journal *Convulsive Therapy*, I called on Barry to collaborate on some new projects. In 1991, he was appointed to our Editorial Board. I also know him through his activities in the Association for Convulsive Therapy and the American Psychiatric Association.

Barry is a dedicated, intelligent, and bright clinician and researcher. He is active in clinical research and in research meetings. He is specifically qualified in the management of patients in high risk ECT and he has a special interest in geriatric psychiatry.

From his writings and discussions, I am impressed with his clinical teaching skills. His presentations at meetings are cogent, concise, and clear, reflecting his skills as a lecturer.

In view of his academic record, I believe that he is fully qualified for promotion to the rank of Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, and I am pleased to recommend his promotion without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry