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Dear Dr.

I have your letter of recent date regarding the training received by Dr. Wendell E. Carter, a member of the staff of your hospital. Dr. Carter was a member of our "commuter concentrated endoscopy course" from April 21, 1971 through July, 1971, a period of three months. During this time, Dr. Carter, well trained internist and surgeon looked into approximately 50 stomachs, including esophogoscopy and in some instances, duodenoscopy.

Each student passed the instrument approximately 10 or 12 times. Each doctor observing the stomachs of all patients through a fiberoptic teaching attachment. The students had exercises on a mannekin for orientation of the stomach. They had lectures with the use of movies and slides and case histories.in the afternoon.

We have given this course for 26 years at the Cook County Graduate School, it was never meant to produce an expert endoscopist. However, it has been our experience that the great majority of the people who having this course are able to continue their professional development independently. This has been determined by an evaluation process consisting of questionnaires through the years periodically. Our training process goes back to the era of lens gastroscopy in which more manual expertise work was required.

Our experience has shown considerable difference in aptitude between one student and another, this point we cannot evaluate. It has never came to our attention that a person has taken a course and has been denied the opportunity to develop in his hospital. This might be justified if the individual shows in the hospital lack of dedication and sincerety of interest in developing his technic, or for other gross acts

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of negligence which might disqualify any doctor from practice of medicine in the hospital.

If your concern is that the doctor may not have had sufficient preliminary training, I hope you will carefully read my statements above. I would hope also that Dr. Carter has now had three years of activity in his development of endoscopic technics, in which case which I would suggest that he should be well qualified to continue upper gastrointestinal fiberoptic endoscopy.

Yours very truly,

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