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Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.
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Dear Doctor Berry:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 15 indicating that you think favorably of the possibility of holding clinical demonstrations in endoscopic procedures at the Cook County Hospital next June under the auspices of The American Gastroscopic Society. You are quite right in assuming that Dr. Schindler has some hesitation in demonstrating gastroscopic technics to a large group but, in recent correspondence with him after many preliminary requests, he feels that he would probably be willing to demonstrate general anesthesia as a means of preparation for gastroscopy if certain requirements are met. He feels that it would be very important for him to discuss the matter several months in advance with the chief anesthetist in your hospital. No doubt there might be some difficulties that might have to be overcome in making the final arrangements, but if we can think in terms of available space, I think that the whole program could be worked out in due course.

We are having a board meeting November 3 in Chicago and, either the week preceding or just prior to that meeting, I hope that I have an opportunity to sit down and discuss the matter with you in some detail. After the Board Meeting if approval is given, then we can get down to outlining the final details for the program.

I am very much interested in your suggestion of both demonstrating the various positions that you recommend for patients during gastroscopic examination and, in the possibility of showing a colored film to supplement these demonstrations. I think these are the procedures which I think would be of interest to the group as a whole at the time of the meeting.

If it is agreeable to you, I shall discuss this matter further with you when I am in Chicago and then, let you know the results of the Board Meeting so that we can get down to details.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,


C. Wilmer Wirts, M.D.

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