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Dear Dr. Martinson,

Your patient and colleague, Dr. Owen Benjamin, asked me to advise you of his recent admission to Island University Hospital.

Dr. Benjamin came as our guest on May 3, 2009, to give a series of lectures and celebrate the inauguration of our Geriatric Occupational Medicine Education Resource (GOMER). At a banquet on May 8, Dr. Benjamin became progressively distressed and anxious. He informed one of our staff that, despite an urgent need to urinate, he was unable to initiate flow after several attempts. We brought him to Urgent Care, where he was diagnosed with bladder outlet obstruction and admitted to hospital. His hospital course, including transurethral resection of the prostate, appears in the discharge summary that accompanies this letter.

Dr. Benjamin's course was unremarkable until post-operative day 3, when he became hyperactive in response to hallucinations. As part of our investigation, an intern called Dr. Benjamin's ICE number, and spoke with Mrs. Trophie Benz. She described retirement life as a welcome change from Dr. Benjamin's long tenure as Chair of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. Mrs. Benjamin spoke of morning rounds of golf, a nap after lunch, and quiet afternoons in his home library. He would generally emerge from study around 4:30 pm, ready to enjoy a cocktail with her and any dinner guests. Dr. Benjamin's routine here was a bit more active, but every evening included a hospitality hour and dinner. We initiated a short, tapered course of benzodiazepine therapy, upon which the hyperactivity and hallucinations abated. The remainder of his stay was uneventful and he was discharged on May 17.

Prior to these unfortunate events, Dr. Benjamin mentioned you by name in a lecture, praising your achievements in advancing regional healthcare. I am grateful to know that his follow-up is in good hands. Please do not hesitate to call me at +99 12 345 6789 if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely,

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