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RE: MCRAE, DAVID
DOB: 02/19/1968

Dear Dr. Bracchi:

This patient was seen at your request for consultation concerning the post-brain injury.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

The patient is 39. He experienced this head injury on October 15, 1989. It was a motorcycle accident. He was a student at Washington State at that time.

Very quickly after the injury, he underwent neurosurgery, where they removed a large hematoma from the left side of the brain. He was in ICU in Lewiston for about two or three weeks. He was briefly on rehab there and then also in rehab at Providence. He then later went to Good Samaritan in Puyallup, Washington and then was discharged home in about the late summer of 1990. At the time that he returned home, he was mute, unable to walk, had a catheter in for urine control, and he had a feeding tube.

He has had a gradual improvement and his mother feels he is continuing to improve over the last few years. She has documented this in her book "Fight For David." Much of his therapy at home was patterning type therapies.

Currently, David is alert. He follows commands quite well. He will speak a few words. He watches TV and seems aware of what is transpiring. He does have difficulty reading, although part of this problem is related to a field cut.

He no longer has a feeding tube. He can walk short distances with a walker. In fact, he has been walking up to three blocks with his walker. This walking actually just started only about a year ago. He no longer has any problems with urine control.

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