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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Bogdan Moldovan

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this recommendation letter for Dr. Bogdan Moldovan, Head of Sf. Constantin Hospital Department of Surgery, Brasov, Romania. I have received my Doctoral Degree in Biophysics at The Ohio State University in 2004 and completed Postdoctoral Research at the University of California, Irvine in 2006. I have authored/co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications that have been published in USA leading scientific journals in the area of neurodegenerative disorders, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. My scientific contributions have been recognized with a US patent, several awards, and invitations to present at US national scientific conferences. Since 2006, I have held a senior scientific position with a world leading US Medical Device company. I am currently leading the development of an important test for diagnosis and monitoring of diabetes.

I have met Dr. Bogdan Moldovan in 2012, when a colleague recommended him as very talented, "at the border between exceptional and genius". My father had just undergone major heart surgery and required rectal surgery.

The rectal surgery appeared to be major, technically difficult, and requiring major surgical expertise. The surgery was challenging for the patient who had just undergone heart surgery and would have significantly affected the quality of patient life. Dr. Bogdan Moldovan had the experience and the skills necessary to successfully conduct the surgery.

However, instead of rushing to add another surgery to the list, Dr. Bogdan Moldovan has considered the patient interest first. Dr. Bogdan Moldovan has participated in inter-disciplinary medical discussions to evaluate options and determine the best treatment method for my father. Dr. Bogdan Moldovan contributed to the decision to conduct pre-operative therapy first to possibly partially treat the disease. The pre-operative treatment strategy was successful. Dr. Bogdan Moldovan was then able to successfully conduct a less invasive surgery that treated my father and preserved his quality of life.

As a scientist, I have solicited explanations, details, and medical expert collaborations less likely to be asked by the regular patient. Due to time difference, I have contacted Dr. Bogdan Moldovan after his work hours. During this difficult time, Dr. Bogdan Moldovan was always willing to speak to me, to the patient and to the family members and explain the situation at our specific level of understanding.

I had the opportunity to learn that Dr. Bogdan Moldovan is not only a competent surgeon "at the border between exceptional and genius", but also a doctor who performs his job with pride and dignity, does not hesitate to collaborate with peers, and considers patient interest first before his own. Dr. Bogdan Moldovan is very pleasant, supportive, and proactive in interactions with the patient and family members.

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In my own experience, I have found that these qualities are expected by the patient and provided to the patient by the doctors practicing medicine in the western world. Unfortunately, these qualities are not always enjoyed by the Romanian patient seeking medical care in Romania. I strongly believe that doctors like Dr. Bogdan Moldovan are dedicated doctors whose expertise and positive attitude will contribute to major improvements in the Romanian healthcare system.

Last but not least, Sf. Constantin Hospital has provided the support Dr. Bogdan Moldovan needed to perform his job and has provided high standards of care and comfort to the patient.

For these reasons, I fully recommend Dr. Bogdan Moldovan for your surgical needs. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mihaela Necula". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Mihaela Necula, PhD