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Date: January 7, 2022

Re: Semen Litovchenko
DOB: 7-5-19

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for sending Semen's video and medical information for evaluation for selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery. We have reviewed the video and information and feel that he shows the same typical signs of spastic diplegia as many other children who have benefited greatly from the selective dorsal rhizotomy. We have seen consistent improvement in children very similar to him.

We feel that Semen is a very good candidate for the rhizotomy surgery. His hip and spine x-rays and spine MRI are unremarkable. If he has the surgery we expect the following improvements.

- His spasticity will be permanently reduced.
- His sitting and standing postures will improve.
- His transitions between postures will be easier and faster.
- His balance and level of comfort will improve.
- We feel that Semen has a chance to walk using crutches. If he shows voluntary foot movements after SDR he may also have a chance to walk independently.

For all of the reasons mentioned above, we feel that Semen is a very good candidate for the rhizotomy surgery and that the permanent reduction in abnormal muscle tone will help him significantly. We strongly recommend that he have the rhizotomy surgery.

Sincerely,

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