

**JW, wheelchair bound with excruciating endometriosis, now enjoys a pain-free life through the healing intervention of Dr. Nezhat.**

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Dr. Camran Nezhat

Dear Dr. Nezhat:

Please pardon the delay of this letter. Thanks to you, it has been my good fortune to enjoy good health for so many months after being ill for so long that I didn't realize how the time slipped away.

When I came to your office in January 1995 I had been wheelchair bound for nearly two years and according to all the doctors I had been to, there was no explanation for the source of my pelvic and rectal pain, or the numbness in my feet, or the debilitating pain radiating down both legs.

As you know I had been to my local doctors in New Jersey and then went to the alleged best: Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Beth Israel in Boston (affiliated with Harvard), and some place in Philadelphia. After 8 years the places began to look the same, sound the same, and my diminishing trust and faith in the medical profession reached an all-time low. My strength was diminishing and my career was seriously being jeopardized.

I remember your kindness and concern when you told me I had endometriosis but assured me you would do everything in your power to get the disease under control and have me walking again. Did you know that one of your surgical nurses actually cried when she saw me walk after you performed the laparoscopy? She had seen me before the surgery in the wheelchair and believed I was a hopeless case. She never said it, but I could see it in her eyes. I had become very sensitive to how people looked at me.

I remember I walked that very first night after the surgery. I stood up and expected to feel the usual pain crush me. Was I surprised! The pain was gone. And I could feel my feet! They'd been numb for two years. There was no pelvic pain, no rectal pain and no leg pain. All I could think was that I had been given a second chance in life.

I apologize for not thinking first of you. But my first thoughts were of how you had given me back the chance to be the mother I always wanted to be to my daughter. She was now 16 years old and she hadn't known me as a healthy person since she was 8 years old. You gave us a second chance.

You know I was concerned about my daughter's pelvic pain. Here she was a 16 year old young woman and already suffering terribly. When you found her endometriosis from the laparoscopy I felt such relief that she won't ever end up in a wheelchair from this ravaging disease.

The physical part of the disease of endometriosis can be devastating. The emotional havoc it causes is something my daughter and my family and I are still dealing with. You gave us this opportunity and it is still a part of our daily conversation, our daily adjustments.

When some pain began to come back in my legs and some numbness in my feet and rectal pain, my daughter and my family immediately said “Call Dr. Nezhat!” You had warned that I could get some adhesions because my disease was so extensive. But I had faith and trust that you could take care of those problems and you did and I was back on the plane and home from Stanford 48 hours after surgery last Wednesday.

I feel very fortunate to have found you and my family and [we] are forever grateful for everything you have done and are doing for me and my daughter. I wanted very much to share these thoughts with you.

With warmest regards,  
JW, New Jersey