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Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Berry:

Although the three months are not up from "graduation" I am dropping you a line requesting the measurements of the gastroscopy table that we used at Cook County during our course. Our maintenance department probably could construct a table much cheaper than purchasing a specific table. I have been displeased with the table that we have used for proctoscopy in that it does not give the same good results at gastric emptying with the Ewald tube that we achieved at the course.

Actually I have been pleased with the opportunity here of doing four gastroscopies since returning in December and have kept a record, as you suggested we should, in order to survey my results from time to time. Two of the four cases were proven carcinomas of the stomach. The diagnoses were established by x-ray and cytology but since they were on my service at the time, gastroscopy was done and I was happy that there was little difficulty in completing the examinations. One case was in a postoperative stomach with the possibility of a marginal ulcer existing which we could not confirm by gastroscopy and the last case was a man with a lesser curvature ulcer but high up near the fundus which could not be visualized.

Perhaps embarrassingly our gastroscope is a Cameron flexible scope. I believe I was spoiled using the Eder-Palmer scope at the course. Today I have heard that our request for such a scope was approved and is on order, so we hope to "be in business" in the near future. As I had mentioned to you, with our closed hospital being organized as it is the possibility of referrals rather freely would make for gastroscopy clinic to be established in the future. I realize that these four cases in which gastroscopy was performed did not clarify what was not already known but did afford me the opportunity of gaining

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some additional experience.

Again I thank you for the instruction and patience that you exhibited during our recent two week course in November at Cook County. With best regards for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours,



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