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Dr Karl A. Meyer,  
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Cook County Hospital  
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Dear Dr Meyer:

Last Tuesday was County Hospital Gastrosocopy day for me as usual except that the American College of Physicians was meeting in town. I anticipated that there would be fellow Gastroenterologists and Gastroscopists in town who would like to visit my clinic as has occurred in the past. I had arranged with the residents two weeks ahead of time to have three special cases, one a follow-up observation of a healing gastric ulcer. On Monday I had arranged to pick up Dr Sharon of the University of Cincinnati, Dr Goldsberry of Boston and Dr. Jordon of Washington at the Conrad Hilton for an 8:30 session so as to return for the late morning convention panels. I also had arranged for a gastroscope manufacturer to bring a newly devised instrument to demonstrate. At about 3:30 Monday as I was leaving the Hilton Hotel, I chanced to run into Drs: Gordillo and Chung, the gastrosocopy residents who told me that Dr Stiegman had cancelled my clinic for Tuesday morning and was taking them to a Billings Hospital lecture. When I insisted that I would expect at least one of them to report the next morning as planned and they would still have time to attend the late morning convention lectures Dr Gordillo said it was too late to get the patients rescheduled. In spite of my frantic attempt I was only able to reach one of the Doctors to explain my embarrassing position. I reported the matter to Dr Blaha but nothing could be done at that late hour.

I dislike having to call this matter to your attention but after 13 years of service to patients and instruction to residents and post graduate students, I would like to feel that I "have served my apprenticeship and would like to ask you if I can look forward to the end of this kind of "official supervision in gastrosocopy

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M. D.