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Dear Barbara,

Many thanks for the superb Calendar, and Commemorative Mug, which prompts me to write my appreciation of the truly excellent services you provide, and also to confirm that I look forward to bring with you on Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> for the follow-up consultation.

It certainly gives me great pleasure to commend the arrangements from first to last for hip replacement surgery, though frankly I was very reluctant to take the plunge, as I already was booked up with an excellent hip surgeon Mr. Matthew Burwell at the RUH Bath, with whom I had excellent relations, but unfortunately we were booked to move house to Scotland! However, a friend of mine had given an excellent report of his experience at Krakow under your organisation.

First the door to door taxi to Gatwick where we were personally met and propelled in wheel chairs passed the waiting queues to the check-in desk, to arrival at the Hospital in Krakow, nothing was left to chance.

But, as I had had a considerable amount of experience in reconstructive surgery in leprosy in India, I was most impressed with the surgical set up in Krakow, where there were 10 surgeons on the team, 3 of whom were involved with every operation. I was particularly impressed that I experienced no postoperative pain, and my recovery was particularly smooth, so that I started physiotherapy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery. The rehabilitative physiotherapy was particularly impressive, as it was personalised for a total of 3 hours every day for about 3 weeks, until I was able to walk without crutches, and the professor of rehabilitation assured me I could drive my car straight away! Though I subsequently found that U.K. regulations will only allow this from 6 weeks after hip surgery. I must also say I was much indebted to a number of folk who were praying for me, both at home, and in Poland at that time!

The Discharge Report for the doctor at home was unusually detailed, and I sent a copy to my Consultant surgeon who assured me that I would be followed up by the NHS in the usual way. However, he was very content with the arrangements for follow up which you had in place, together with the continuing anticoagulant therapy which Prof. B. Franczuk had prescribed in his Report, and which I am just finishing. By the way, the British name under which this is marketed is Inj. Fragmin 5000 IU / 0.2 ml. Which I include for your records.

I shall look forward to meeting you on Sat Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, with the opportunity of encouraging others who are just embarking on their trip.

Yours very sincerely,

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P.S. You can use my letter to encourage others.