

Center for Cerebral Palsy Spasticity

Date: August 23, 2019

Re: Matija Potocnik
DOB: 11-13-15

To Whom It May Concern:

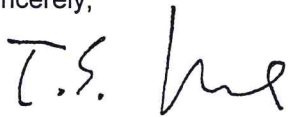
Thank you for sending Matija's video and medical information for evaluation for selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery. We have reviewed the video and information and feel that he shows the same typical signs of spastic diplegia as many other children who have benefited greatly from the selective dorsal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

We feel that Matija is an excellent candidate for the rhizotomy surgery. His hip and spine x-rays are unremarkable. If he has the surgery we expect the following improvements.

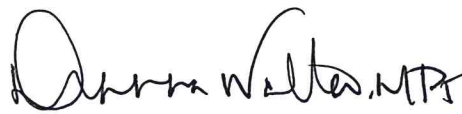
- His spasticity will be permanently reduced.
- His sitting and standing postures will improve.
- His transitions between postures will be easier and faster.
- His level of comfort will improve.
- Matija will be able to walk independently in all environments with improved balance and endurance. He will be able to participate in recreational activities and SDR will prevent future deterioration.
- Matija may require orthopedic surgery for left calf and hamstring muscles, possibly the right side as well, to achieve the best possible outcomes. We require that these muscle lengthening surgeries be done in St. Louis with Dr. Dobbs via percutaneous lengthening, which is less invasive and has less risk of permanent weakening than traditional muscle lengthening.

For all of the reasons mentioned above, we feel that Matija is an excellent 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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