

Center for Cerebral Palsy Spasticity

Date: February 8, 2019

Re: Ariela Tal Berkovich
DOB: 11-5-15

To Whom It May Concern:

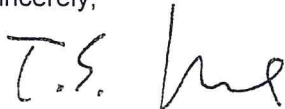
Thank you for sending Ariela's video and medical information for evaluation for selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery. We have reviewed the video and information and feel that she shows the same typical signs of spastic diplegia as many other children who have benefited greatly from the selective dorsal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

We feel that Ariela is a very good candidate for the rhizotomy surgery. Her spine MRI is unremarkable. Her hip x-ray shows both hips are uncovered, approximately 30% on the left and 1/3 on the right. Her brain MRI shows bilateral PVL. If she has the surgery we expect the following improvements.

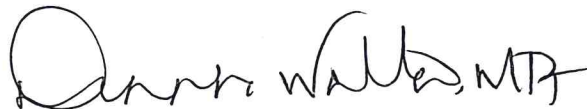
- Her spasticity will be permanently reduced.
- Her sitting and standing postures will improve.
- Her transitions between postures will be easier and faster.
- Her balance and level of comfort will both improve.
- We feel that Ariela will be able to walk independently in all environments.

For all of the reasons mentioned above, we feel that Ariela is a very good candidate for the rhizotomy surgery and that the permanent reduction in abnormal muscle tone will help her significantly. We strongly recommend that she have the rhizotomy surgery.

Sincerely,



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