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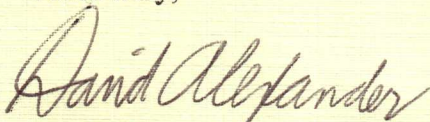
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Dear Michael,

I have just finished reviewing the booklet, "In the Hospital" and the accompanying CD which features Peter Alsop and Bill Harley. Combining humour with tactfulness, sensitivity with honest facts of life-and-death, this publication should prove to be an invaluable guide for parents, whose children are facing an illness or injury. As an educator, I appreciate the fact that the booklet is succinctly written; a brief but insightful document inside a compact package is a less intimidating introduction to the hospital world for a young person. The vivid book cover and upbeat tunes of such songs as "The Castle Dream" complement rather than compromise the serious content of the material. Tempering such difficult issues with laughter and music is a very wise blend.

It is not too much of a stretch to say that all adults who deal with children stand to benefit from this little book. In the 'big clock' busyness of grown-up lives, we sometimes forget how a child experiences time and strange new places. If "In the Hospital" builds one child's self-confidence or challenges a health-care professional to stop and listen to one child, it will be well worth its investment. I wish you much success.

Yours truly,



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