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Dear Michael,

I recently had the pleasure of reviewing Bill Harley and Peter Alsop's "In the Hospital" CD and accompanying booklet. I found this guide to be very beneficial in helping parents and children prepare for a hospital stay or deal with a long term illness. The integration of music and stories, provides a non-threatening approach and an excellent opportunity to ease into those difficult discussions about separation from home and the world of procedures from a child's perspective.

As a parent of two daughters and having worked for 19 years as an RN, including 12 years as a nurse for week long pediatric cancer camp, I feel this guide would serve parents, nurses, doctors and other health care professionals, well as a way to approach concerns from a child's viewpoint.

Best Regards,

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