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Dear Michael:

I have had the privilege of reviewing Peter Alsop and Bill Harley's *In the Hospital* program and have found it to be enlightening and motivating. Alsop and Harley touch on many aspects of the hospitalization process at many different stages of child development.

As stated, children need more than medicine to make them well. From the time a child enters this world, we as parents, educators and society try to give them the tools needed to make them strong, capable, contributing members of our society. As children grow they gain more and more control over their bodies, and their environment. Sickness and hospitalization can take away a child's control, and leave fear and confusion in its place. *In the Hospital*, is a very helpful tool for parents as well as hospital personnel to help alleviate these fears. The suggestions given are very insightful to the various stages of development. They are also helpful for the parents and families of these children who often feel helpless in these trying times.

I would recommend *In the Hospital* to anyone in the medical field as well as parents and families of children experiencing illness and hospital stays. Children are amazingly adaptive and intuitive. *In the Hospital* recognizes this, and should prove to be an amazingly effective tool for all who have the privilege of using it. Best of luck with this project.

Sincerely,


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