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Dear Dr. Ahlering -

I want to thank you for your artistry in my recent robotic laparoscopic prostate surgery. I admire that you are constantly perfecting your techniques and researching new ways to achieve the best outcomes. As you know, my operation was complicated by a urethral stricture, a small prostate, and the start of two hernias. You took the time to do this delicate work as it needed to be done.

I am delighted to report that only ten days after your surgery, I am almost continent, and already beginning sexual function.

For over a year after my cancer was found, I put off surgery, knowing that many men have long periods of incontinence and possibly permanent loss of sexual function. Frankly, it scared the heck out of me, but with my family history of prostate cancer, I had to do something. After meeting you, my wife and I knew that we had found the right surgeon.

I appreciate your call after my hospital discharge. You set the tone for values and caring among your outstanding staff. You and they are patient advocates, first and foremost.

With sincere appreciation -

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