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Dear Dr. Dimond

I want to share a lifesaving encounter that I experienced in the summer of 2014. I underwent a CBAG in 1990 and have been blessed for many years.

In 2014, my cardiologist, who has recently retired, informed me that as a result of a stress test, I had a blockage which needed immediate attention. A short time later I was admitted to Crittenton for my cardiac catheterization and removal of the blockage.

After my cardiologist had initiated the catheterization, the procedure was then continued by a second Crittenton doctor, who is still currently practicing, who was unable to open my blockage. A third doctor present, a former Crittenton thoracic surgeon, then informed me that a surgical procedure would be too risky. The final prognosis from these three doctors was that there was nothing more they could do for me.

Later in 2014, I had a follow up appointment with my primary physician, Dr. Abdel Meri at which time I requested a second opinion (really fourth) and he referred me to Dr. Samer Kizziha.

In early January, 2015, Dr. Kizziha scheduled me for another stress test and upon reviewing the results requested I present myself at Crittenton immediately and he would see me the following morning. The next morning Dr. Kizziha was able to perform a cardiac catheterization resulting in the installation of three stents.

Only God knows how much longer I will live but I have once again been blessed. If it were not for Dr. Meri referring me to Dr. Kizziha, I doubt that I would still be living today and therefore, wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude to two of your finest doctors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert Gelmine".

Bert Gelmine