

June 7, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to Dr. Basch's medical practice and medical license.

When I was younger, I became extremely frustrated with doctors because I had suffered from skin rashes for a decade that had gone undiagnosed. It wasn't until I became a patient of Dr. Basch's that correct testing was done, including a skin biopsy and fecal tests. Because of Dr. Basch, I was diagnosed with blastocystis hominis. This parasite had affected my stomach, which resulted in a rash that covered large portions of my body. Only after this diagnosis was I able to focus on my gut health and make progress.

Over four years ago, while struggling with alcoholism, I enrolled in a 30 day program and have been sober since. Within the following six months, I had shoulder surgery, and Dr. Basch was extremely helpful in providing me with non-opioid/narcotic options for dealing with pain and reducing swelling.

Recently, while out of town, Dr. Basch was able to diagnose a case of shingles the day the rash began. I was able to message her on her online portal, which she provided her personal phone number to send photos of the rash -- which all happened outside of her working hours. Because of her quick response, she was able to send in an emergency prescription to a nearby pharmacy. Without her prompt diagnosis and treatment, my shingles case would have been much more severe. While oxycodone is the most common painkiller prescribed for shingles pain, knowing my history with addiction, Dr. Basch prescribed gabapentin for nerve pain when my symptoms were at their worst.

I hope Dr. Basch will be able to continue to help and care for her patients, like she has done for me and so many others.

Sincerely,

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