

Dear Dr. Ong,

December 7th, 2016

Writing a year-end note for you is a challenging pursuit: finding the right words to adequately convey my gratitude for everything you have done is difficult indeed. My best attempt is to earnestly thank you for:

- ❖ Tirelessly performing biopsies and excisions as needed in expert fashion, helping me remain melanoma-free and worry-free
- ❖ Being an exceptional teacher and trusted advisor, not only in regards to dermatology and its sequiturs but medicine at-large
- ❖ Never failing to be patient, kind, enthusiastic, and positive in clinic, yet always direct, clear, focused, and on-point
- ❖ Dedicating many years of study and hard work to honing your skills in dermatology, thereby building a foundation which has enabled you to be a game-changer for a patient like me. Although I have not yet traveled the physician's road in person, I strongly suspect it entails numerous sacrifices both anticipated and unforeseen; you should know that your uncompromising commitment to excellence continues to make all the difference in my case.

I count myself very fortunate to be among your patients, and genuinely appreciate the opportunity to learn from you while also benefiting directly from your medical expertise. After having interfaced with many physicians within your specialty, there is no room for doubt in my mind: as far as being a dermatologist is concerned, you absolutely set the standard for "how it's done."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family, as well as your outstanding staff at Bella Cara Dermatology. I hope you enjoy the Harry & David Royal Riviera pears!

Sincerely,



Lauren M. Thompson