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Dear Dr. Janjua

I'm writing this letter for two reasons; in appreciation of the person and the surgeon you are, and for those who follow in my shoes scared and confused.

My wife some months back asked me about the darkish spot under my eye. I have gone a couple months shrugging it off as probably some aging spot until my eye doctor suggested that I have it checked out. The biopsy result from the dermatologist reached me a weekday evening while working on my computer. The result that it was melanoma, a form of malignancy, instantly paralyzed me. The consoling words of my dermatologist, saying that the melanoma was in situ and that was good news, at that moment carried very little weight. At my dermatologist's suggestion I saw a surgeon at the Cancer Institute.

The surgeon assured me that he can remove the melanoma but that there will be a need for a plastic surgeon to finish up the job. He has given me the name of a number of plastic surgeons that he has worked with. He instructed me to select one, and for my questioning he informed me that the surgery would take close to two hours under general anesthesia. At this point I was scared.

At home I started to work on the list of plastic surgeons he has given me. The Internet presence of these plastic surgeons did not indicate any expertise in facial surgery. I felt confused.

I went to my dermatologist and asked if he knew a facial surgeon. And that is how I wound up in Dr. Janjua's office. His friendly presence calmed me and upon examining me in a very matter-of-fact voice he said: "I do not wish to take work away from anybody but I can do the whole thing myself, this is a one-man shop". He also told me that no general anesthesia would be required. This made a lot more sense to me. His straight, caring and friendly manner of talking created an immediate trust. I felt that I want him for the surgery. At this point I liked the person and felt like having the surgery done with as rapidly as possible. In the car driving home a tiny amount of doubt surfaced about whether or not he has done any cancer surgery of my type. In the office it did not occur to me to ask him and while he encouraged me to call with any questions, I felt awkward to ask this one on the phone. At home I have looked him up on the Internet and found many cases dealing with cancer surgery of the face, many before and after photos. This reinforced the feeling I had in the office, I felt total confidence in Dr. Janjua, the surgeon.

Five days after the surgery I was back in Dr. Janjua's office, to remove the stitches. The surgical pathology results showed all malignancy was removed. My experience with Dr. Janjua can be summarized in the question I asked him upon leaving his office: would you mind if I gave you a hug?

Sincerely Yours,

