

Wednesday, December 29 2004

Wanda Jaudy
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To: Ms. Connie Cibrone, C.E.O.
320 East North Ave.
Pittsburgh PA 15212

Dear Ms. Cibrone,

I am contacting you concerning the unjustifiable and improper termination of Dr. Evelyn S. Berwick from the staff of Allegheny General Hospital. It has been my experience over the past 15 years as a chronically ill patient of hers that her medical skills are unsurpassed, her integrity is above reproach and her compassion for humanity is unwavering. I know it is thanks to her that I have not only a livable quality of life but also an enjoyable one!

I firmly believe that any hospital that does not recognize these fine qualities in a physician who has been an asset to their medical community for so many years does not possess these fine qualities in their facility. If Allegheny General Hospital can make such a monumental mistake concerning the proper bureaucratic treatment of Dr. Berwick, I can only assume that I would receive the same careless medical treatment. Being both a hospital patient and a hospital employee over many years, I realize the Dr.'s orders are the crucial factor in the chain of quality care for a patient. If this critical link is allowed to be weakened by such treacherous irresponsibility (the dismissal of Dr.s with such an excellent performance record), it is reasonable to believe that the rest of the chain can only fall to pieces. After all, a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link! If your hospital has the strength of integrity to do the right thing by Dr. Berwick as an associate, then I will feel confident that it also has the strength of integrity to do the right thing by me as a patient. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter of support to Dr. Berwick's executive office.

I anxiously await a response from you that might restore the faith I have had in Allegheny General Hospital for so many years.

Thank you in advance for your sincere attention to my letter and your timely response.

Very truly yours,

Wanda Jaudy
Wanda C. Jaudy

January 3, 2005

Alice R. Murtha
3523 Laird Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
412- 734-2806

Connie Cibrone C.E.O.
320 East North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Ms. Cibrone,

I am writing in regard to the termination of Dr. Evelyn Berwick's clinical privileges from Allegheny General Hospital.

I have been a patient of Dr. Berwick for the last 12 years. I have always found her to be more than competent and compassionate. She is not only an excellent doctor but always has the time to talk with her patients. Unlike most doctors practicing today she treats the soul as well as the body. Perhaps these are qualities Allegheny Hospital find trite and out dated, but I find them to be the most important qualities in a doctor.

I am very disappointed to hear about her dismissal from your hospital staff. Although I live very close to your facility, I have decided to use Bellevue Suburban Hospital for all my future medical needs and those of my family.

Again I reiterate my extreme disapproval and displeasure with your actions against Dr. Berwick.

Sincerely,



Alice R. Murtha

**Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D.
1605 Lowrie Sreet
Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

To Whom It May Concern:

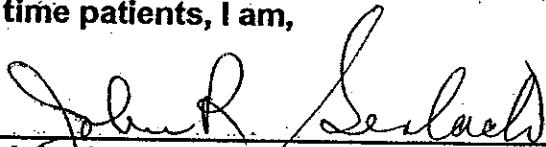
This is written as a testimony to the medical professionalism of one Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D.

Dr. Berwick has been providing very competent care for my mother for the past twenty-five years. It is due in large part to her care for my mother that she has reached the ripe old age of ninety-three.

Dr. Berwick has been more than my mother's doctor; she has also been her friend and confidant. This type of patient-doctor relationship is not as common today as it was in the last century. It is a true reflection of her character that Dr. Berwick is still able to establish a bond with her patients that goes beyond just the medical aspects of her practice.

It is beyond my understanding and that of my mothers' that anyone would question the Doctor's ethics, professionalism, morals or any legal aspects of her practice. But, I suppose that there may be such individuals that, if they can not get their own way, may resort to mud-slinging and professional nit picking. It is unfortunate that we have to put up with such dimwitted and shortsighted people.

Hoping that may more of Doctor Berwick's patients will step forward to proclaim her medical professionalism and caring attitude toward her long time patients, I am,



**John R. Gerlach for
Lauretta Bohonick
851 Beech Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15233-1703**

DIANE CUMMINGS
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December 29, 2004

Connie Cibrone, C.E.O.
320 East North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

RE: Evelyn S. Berwick, MD
Termination of Staff and Clinical Priviledges
Allegheny General Hospital

Dear Ms. Cibrone:

I recently visited Dr. Berwick and seen the notice of her unjustifiably and improperly terminated from AGH and I was totally shocked.

After her 26 years of dedication and taking care of my medical needs and I never once questioned her expertise, I have to inform you of the devastation you have caused my family and myself. She has been my family doctor since she began practicing medicine and will continue to be. There is no other physician that can take her place with her patience and care for every ill person that walks in her door.

In fact, when my daughter was five I had special arrangements with the health carrier to make Dr. Berwick her primary care physician and to this day, she is there for all of her medical needs. In fact, my daughter, Kera Magidson, spent time in the emergency room in the last few weeks with no knowledge of this dramatic termination.

I have tried for the last few hours of words to describe this wonderful lady, professional doctor and so caring that I gave up looking in the dictionary.

I am hopeful that Dr. Evelyn Berwick and Allegheny General Hospital can resolve this problem for all her patients that rely on her medical expertise and AGH being the best hospital in this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Diane Cummings

✓ CC: Dr. Evelyn Berwick

January 4, 2005

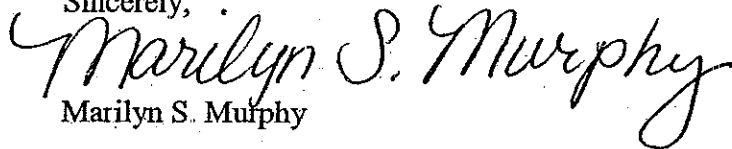
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express how for the past 25 years I have been very satisfied with the medical care I have received from Dr. Evelyn Berwick. Her office went out of their way to schedule appointments for me that suited my schedule and sometimes inconvenienced all her office at anytime day or night and always received a return call.

I would like to share with you a very hard time in my life which was the death of my mother. Dr. Berwick was very concerned about my well being dealing with the long hospital stay my mother endured before her death and even though Dr. Berwick never knew my mother she took time out of her busy schedule to visit my mother in the hospital, which meant a lot to me.

I will continue to be a patient of Dr. Berwick's no matter where I have to travel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilyn S. Murphy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Marilyn S. Murphy

12/9/04


To whom it may Concern:

Dr. Berwick has been our family doctor for twenty years. She has seen my husband, myself, and our three children through many health problems during this time, some minor some more serious. Her diagnosis have always been right on, even when she had to refer us to a Specialist for more serious illnesses and surgery they have always concurred with her original diagnosis. When surgery was required (quite a few times) for my husband and myself she always referred us to Allegheny General Hospital and their Surgeons and Specialists.

We cannot understand why her privileges have been terminated at Allegheny General when she has always shown such loyalty to the hospital as well as to her fellow Physicians. Dr. Berwick has proven to us to be an excellent doctor. In addition to her excellent diagnostic skills she shows the compassion and bedside manner that is lacking in many doctors today.

We sincerely hope that you will reconsider your decision regarding the good Doctor, so that our family can continue to use the services of Allegheny General Hospital.

Sincerely,



Joyce Splane

CC: Connie Cibrone, C.E.O
320 East North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Ila Boyd
470 Dawson Avenue #3
Pittsburgh PA 15202

December 15, 2004

Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D.
1524 Tretter Drive
Pittsburgh PA 15227

Re: Allegheny General Hospital

Dear Dr. Berwick:

I have been a patient of yours for more years than I can count. I know that you have helped diagnosis me with an illness that stumped many an ER Physician. Just for that you have my devotion.

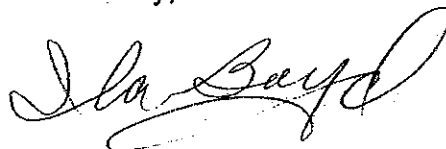
I have had my 3 children, my husband, and my stepchildren, and their children all visit you. They all still count you as their family doctor.

I have visited Dr. Berwick at the Troy Hill location for more than 10 years. I would be lost without her guidance with all of my health issues. She remembers my aversion to taking strong medication. She helps with the planning of what medications will be necessary to work with and what others we can substitute.

When you are sick she is the one person that I can count on. I have visited AGH on many occasions. I know that they want doctors who give the best care to their patients, I don't know why they would not want Dr. Berwick to be one of their own doctors.

Please re-instate Dr. Berwick to AGH!

Sincerely,



Ila Boyd

MaryAnn Goodrich
180 Connie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

November 30, 2004

To Whom It may Concern:

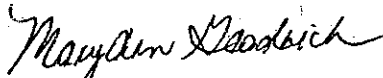
I am writing on behalf of Dr. Evelyn S. Berwick. Dr. Berwick has been my primary care doctor for approximately 15 years. I have been very pleased with her as my physician. Her practice has always been very accomadating with scheduling routine and emergency appointments, prescription refills and returning phone calls.

I am most comfortable with recommending family and friends to Dr. Berwick because of the quality care she provides and her genuine interest in patient care.

I am personally employed in a medical practice and can say without hesitation Dr. Berwick is what a patient would expect their physician to be.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Sincerely,



MaryAnn Goodrich

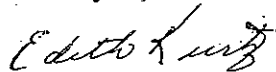
To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, I am Edith Kurtz. I want to let you know that I have never doubted Dr. Evelyn Berwick's professionalism. She has been my doctor for many years and I have always been very pleased with her. She has such vast medical knowledge that I am always impressed with her. Whenever I go for a visit, Dr. Berwick makes you feel very comfortable due to her having a great patient-doctor relationship. I always leave her office understanding whatever my problem may be because she takes the time out to discuss your medical condition with you.

My 77 year old mother was going to a different doctor for years and her condition was worsening but her doctor was refused to believe this. I finally convinced my mother to give Dr. Berwick a try and she was very impressed. By her going to Dr. Berwick it made her last few years more comfortable.

Whatever hospital Dr. Berwick practices, I will sure to be there because I don't want to give up such a superb doctor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edith Kurtz".

Edith Kurtz

2048 Ley Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

SUBJECT: Dr. Evelyn S. Berwick

TO: Ms. Connie Cibrone
C.E.O.
Allegheny General Hospital

FROM: Denise Gill

DATE: December 1, 2004

I would like to take a minute of your time and express my concerns of the termination of staff and clinical privileges of Dr. Evelyn Berwick.

I along with my family and many friends have chosen Dr. Berwick back in the 80's to be our PCP.

Dr. Berwick is a dedicated physician. I have lived and worked on the North Side of Pittsburgh all my life. The only hospital we ever knew in my early days was St. John's. Then, we started to have our needs attended to at Allegheny General. I have a history with AGH. My daughter was born there. Had my surgeries there. My husband had open-heart surgery there and eventually passed away there. It was comforting when my husband was ill that Dr. Berwick came and seen him. This made my family and me quite comfortable.

In my opinion as well as many others, you are making a big mistake by not allowing Dr. Berwick to enter Allegheny General Hospital as I know many doctors who do go to Allegheny that I would not even think to let my family or friends have attend to but yet, you cannot let Dr. Berwick in. Doesn't make any sense to me.

In closing, I know in the past that Allegheny General was hurting financially and I know that you have many, many patients, surgeries and so on. However, if you continue to have Dr. Berwick barred from entering AGH that you lose many patients. Then those patients take the care that they are receiving elsewhere and inform their friends and so on and before you know it, the other hospitals are benefiting. You need to seriously re-think this decision.

I believe you and your staff need to rethink the decision in reference to Dr. Evelyn Berwick.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*Dr B -
I sent to Connie
Denise*

To Whom It May Concern;

I came to know Dr. Berwick as a family physician twenty years ago. She was recommended by a close friend. I have great faith in her ability and her compassion was a bonus.

During a very hard time in my life, Dr Berwick stood in my corner. My son was going through cancer treatment. I was going to school to become a nurse and working full time. She went beyond a doctors call of duty.

After my Father passed this year, I needed to take a step back from hospital and nursing home employment. Dr. Berwick hired me as her office nurse. At this time I became to know her even more. She worked 12 hour days and always kept me moving with her. The patients raved about her caring ways and her knowledge of medicine. This is a doctor that any patient could talk to and leave feeling like they were her only patient.

In our fast paced world just when you think Doctors do not do house calls: Dr Berwick knocks on their door.

I have moved on to hospice care, and Dr Berwick is still in my corner. She is a true blessing in my life. I am just proud to have her as my doctor and my friend.

Sincerely,

LeeAnn Vidt L.P.N.

November 18, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. Evelyn Berwick for 17 years, and throughout those years she has been my physician, my confidant, and yes, my friend. She has never been anything but professional in my eyes, and would recommend her as a physician to anyone who asked such of me. I stand by her 100 percent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Schillinger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lori Schillinger

November 23, 2004

Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D.
1524 Tretter Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to my primary care doctor, Dr. Evelyn Berwick. I have been a patient of Dr. Berwick's for over 10 years and she has always been very caring and professional, she takes time talking with me and listening to the issues that I'm having. In my opinion, she is an excellent doctor who I will continue coming to for my care.

If you have any questions regarding Dr. Berwick, please don't hesitate to call, (412) 306-0660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael C. Burke".

Michael C. Burke

Jean M. Hammond
420 Sussex Drive
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

December 3, 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D. for the past 10 years. Dr. Berwick has treated me for everything from the common cold to more serious illnesses such as the back injury I received as the result of an automobile accident a few years ago.

During the years I've been under the care of Dr. Berwick, I found her to be, not only professional, but a true friend that genuinely cares about myself and my family members. Also, the medical personnel in her office are always extremely nice, helpful and act in a professional manner.

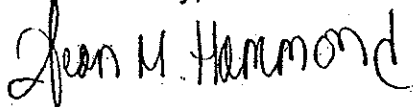
I truly respect her medical opinions and I've never felt the need to go else where for a second opinion.

If I need medical advice during non business hours, I have never waited a long period of time for a return call from her after leaving a message with her call service.

Even though I moved to Butler County some time ago, I still make the trip into Pittsburgh to be treated by Dr. Berwick. My new community in Cranberry is surrounded by several medical practices, but I wouldn't dream of switching from Dr. Berwick to someone else.

If the Pittsburgh community is anyway denied the services of Dr. Evelyn S. Berwick, it will truly be a great loss, not only for me and my family, but for the many individuals who rely on her dedicated service.

Sincerely,



Jean M. Hammond

To Whom it may Concern,

My name is Eric Boring. I have been a patient of Dr. Evelyn Berwick since I moved to the Troy Hill area of Pittsburgh in November of 1997. In all my dealings with Dr. Berwick, she has conducted herself with an upmost professional manner. I never once doubted or questioned her knowledge or her professionalism as it pertained to my current medical condition. Over the years we have developed a wonderful doctor/patient relationship and friendship that I would miss dearly.

Thank you,

Eric E. Boring

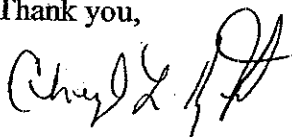
Eric Boring
1701 Rialto Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

To Whom It May Concern:

I Cheryl Kurtz have had Dr. Evelyn Berwick as my family physician for years, so many years that I can't recall how many. However, in all of the years of having Dr. Berwick as my physician, I have never doubted her. She has always conducted herself in a professional manner and her knowledge is yet so far superlative. Whenever I have gone to Dr. Berwick with a medical problem, she usually knows what the diagnosis even before testing etc. There was one time I was having a particular problem and after being to two other physicians Dr. Berwick did go out of her way to get to the root of the problem which the other physicians hadn't done. The other physicians left it as there was nothing wrong with me. Well Dr. Berwick knew there was something wrong and did order appropriate testing which had then pin pointed my problem.

I have always preferred going to WPAHS, Allegheny General Hospital, while being under the care of Dr. Berwick. However as much as I did appreciate all of the great care from WPAHS, I will go wherever Dr. Berwick practices, because we have developed a good patient/doctor relationship. I have found a talented physician, Dr. Berwick, and I don't want to give up such a talented doctor. Dr. Berwick goes above and beyond to make sure her patients are being cared for.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl L. Kurtz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cheryl L. Kurtz

12-27-64

To whom it MAY concern,

My name is Jesse P. Price. I have been a patient of Dr. Evelyn Berwick, M.D. for quite a few years. In that time I have always been treated well by Dr. Berwick. I have always been quite satisfied with her medical expertise and her knowledge of medicine.

Any question that I have ever asked about treatment or medicine she has always answered honestly and truthfully. She takes the time to make sure that I understand what she has said. (Not like other M.D.'s that I have encountered.)

Both sides of my family have been patients at A. L. H. over the years. But I for one will not go there again due to the unfair treatment of Dr. Berwick.

Yours Truly

Jesse P. Price

241 VILLIO DORT
1138 Jettis Ave.
Pittsburgh Pa 1521

To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of DR. Evelyns Berwick, who in our belief (my Wife + I) is being Unjustifiably and Improperly Terminated of Privileges at Allegheny Hospital.

To us (my Wife + I) DR Berwick has an impeccable patient and doctor relationship with us, and everyone we know who goes to the Doctor.

Doctor Berwick has been our Doctor for about (15) years. She is from the "old School of Doctor" Patients come first and golf + tennis second. I am (23) years young, and DR Berwick is as good or better than any Doctor we have had in our lifetime.

So please correct this injustice. Allegheny Hospital needs Doctor like DR Berwick, and her Staff on your Staff

P.S. We also sent a letter like this one to Connis Cebone, C.E.O.

Thank You
Mrs Berwick
D. O. Berwick

Robert P. Hussey
Executive Office of
Evelyn S. Berwick, M.D.
1524 Tretter Dr.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15227

Joseph W. Fey -
Dorina J. Fey
126 Pulaski Dr.
Nastroma Hts, Pa 150

Dear Mr. Hussey,

We are writing to you concerning the termination of the staff and clinical privileges of doctor Berwick with Allegheny General Hospital. My wife and I are both shocked and disappointed with the hospital's decision. We have been very satisfied patients of the doctors for over twenty years. She has always been there for us. She has got us into her busy schedule many times without an appointment. She has made her time available to us at our convenience. She has listened attentively to our medical symptoms and has offered the best in treatment for them. She has also listened to our family stories and to our problems and has offered her laughter and her advice to both. This is a refreshing change to today's detached society. We consider her both our doctor and our friend. Dr. Berwick is our link to good family health care and also to Allegheny General Hospital. We do not wish to lose either. We support her in her efforts to be reinstated with the hospital. We look forward to our continued excellent health coverage with Dr. Berwick and Allegheny General Hospital.

Sincerely,
Joseph W. Fey + Dorina
Fey

Dec. 9, 2004
Janice R. Riscoe
876 Vista Sr.
Pittsburg, PA 15216

To all it may concern:

I am presently a patient of Evelyn S. Berwick M.D. and have been going to her for medical services and advice for about (20) twenty years. I must say that her dedication, hard work and medical expertise has been a great help to me. The injustice of Allegheny General Hospital suspending her services is by far wrong and a loss for the integrity of Allegheny General Hospital. I will continue to go to Evelyn S. Berwick M.D. for medical services and stand by her for all that she stands for. Allegheny General Hospital should reconsider their unjust and inappropriate action against her; Evelyn S. Berwick M.D. and reinstate her privileges as staff physician at Allegheny General Hospital.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Janice R. Riscoe

CC: Connie Cibrone, C.E.O.