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Dear Doctors; (Sent to Dr. Hansen, Dr. Fisher and Dr. Gospe)

I am writing this letter to you today to ask for your help. My son is a special needs boy with Intractable Epilepsy, Infantile Spasms, Digestive difficulties, and Mitochondrial Disease. We have seen many doctors in his short seven years of life. The list is long and the details too many to tell you in this letter.

What I really want to express to you is the difference Dr. Saneto has made in my son's life! At one point, one doctor gave me very little hope. He had done all he could and because of the complexity of my son, he was at an impasse. I understand that there are many children like my son, complex, hard to treat, probably the type of child that doctors dread...there is no cure...they will forever be in a wheelchair...etc.

I was unwilling to accept the "no hope" scenario. I asked to be transferred to another doctor that could not cure my son, but was "hopeful" in doing what she could. This doctor at least let me know she understood the absolute love I have for my child and would help in any way possible. She got us thru the interim.

Then, because of my son's issues we put him on the ketogenic diet. Dr. Saneto was the doctor he was assigned to. Oh my goodness, what a difference I felt. This doctor knew just how to deal with complex, hard to treat children. He even realized after a time of learning about my son and his condition, that he may have mitochondrial disease. The test was positive. At last, an explanation for all that we have gone thru. And, now we know how to better treat him.

None of this was by accident. My son has thrived because of Dr. Saneto and his amazing ability to know just the right thing to do, or not do at any given time. He not only has credentials a mile long (as I am sure you are aware) but he KNOWS how to treat these kids. It is instinct, experience, I don't know, but he has it, and no other doctor does. Sometimes not doing anything is the right answer, sometimes waiting is the right answer, sometimes pulling out all the stops and being invasive is the answer. Whatever the case, he seems to know. My son can be the poster child for how well Dr. Saneto does his job. Everyone who meets him, seems to fall in love with him (my son). He is not a lost cause...He is thriving, because there is ONE doctor that knows how to treat him! Because of his abilities, my son has a chance to live whatever years God blesses him with on this earth, in the best way possible.

This letter is a heartfelt plea for Seattle Children's to do whatever it takes to keep Dr. Saneto there. No, I have not heard any rumors. This is a pro-active letter. Please do whatever you can to give him any and all support he needs. The addition of Pam Sligh was excellent! Thank you! She has, I am sure, taken a large load off his shoulders. If possible maybe you could ask him if there is anything else you could do to make his job better. Just please, please, do whatever it takes to keep him at Seattle Children's, working with and helping those children that most Neurologists don't really know what to do with.

If you need a "poster child", if you need someone to rally support, please let me know. Thank you for your time. Thank you for all that you do to help children of all diagnosis. We are so grateful!!!

Sincerely,

Teri Rose