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Dear Dr. Miranda,

It was an absolute pleasure to meet you yesterday. After so many years, so many practitioners, so many medications and so many setbacks, I can't tell you how it feels to have finally landed on your doorstep.

In the years of searching for help with Niko's Tourette syndrome (and the various co-morbid conditions that accompany it: obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, hypersensitivity, claustrophobia, anxiety and possibly attention deficit disorder) we have been through a number of intake sessions. Yours was different.

You were warm, welcoming and personable. Rather than hurrying us through the process, you made us feel like friends in your home. You listened to and really seemed to hear what we had to say. Not only did Niko clearly feel he was being acknowledged and respected, he also really enjoyed himself. You talked with him, not down to him.

As opposed to simply prescribing a new medication and sending us on our way, you explained your comprehensive testing approach as well as the follow up support available through the Bright Minds Institute. As a mother, I know that my child is so much more than one disorder, syndrome or label. It is a relief to know that someone is finally willing to stop and look at the whole picture. Thank you for taking the time to give my son, and all those other kids who've fallen through the cracks, a chance at a better life.

In Gratitude,
Niko's Mom