

# FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter, directed to the NYS Education Department's office of the Professions, because I am shocked at the audacity of the OPMC in revoking the license of Serafino Corsello, an excellent doctor.

I am a Registered Nurse in NY State for 39 years and in WA State for the past 9 1/2 years. I am also a Certified Nutritionist in WA state with a Masters degree in Nutrition and, since January 1996, have been employed as a clinical research associate at Metagenics Inc. in the Functional Medicine Research Center. I participate in the planning and conducting of clinical trials and other research with patients who have various chronic illnesses.

I was employed at the Corsello Centers for 8 years, from February 1987 until February 1995 in the New York City office. My position as Head Nurse involved many duties that also included training nurses in the Huntington, Long Island office. In addition to seeing each patient for follow up after they saw Dr. Corsello, I was responsible for reviewing the nutritional needs of our patients. These follow-ups were facilitated by the fact that I was present with each new patient for their initial visit with Dr. Corsello: This gave her the opportunity to teach me along with "the patient what their specific individual needs were and how we were going to manage these needs. She was always available by phone when she was in the Long Island office for me to consult with.

We had weekly meetings in the morning before patients arrived to discuss particular patients or new and innovative concepts that she had learned at a conference. In addition, we met 2-3 times a year on the weekend to have a day-long seminar taught by Dr Corsello on timely topics such as Stress and the Adrenal Glands or Essential Fatty Acids. At this time she would also present her thoughts on treating patients with difficult health issues: She was fastidious with her charting and taught me how to carefully review each chart to be sure that the patient was getting the care that was necessary for their healing. Her progress notes were always available for us to review and when she was in the other office,

there was always a Physicians Assistant or other Medical Doctor present in the New York office. Since leaving the Corsello Centers in New York City to pursue my master's degree in 1995, I continued to be in contact with Dr Corsello.

Working with Dr Corsello involved constant learning with much hands-on. She was always teaching and always learning new approaches for our patients. This stimulated each of us to learn on our own and then share this knowledge with each other. It was a very satisfying and stimulating environment to work in. At that time, the work that we were doing was very innovative and those who visited our centers were impressed with how we handled patients and with their outcome. These eight years well prepared me for my current job as Clinical Research Associate.

I have read the charges and Dr. Corsello's answer and know that her response is accurate. Her utilization of various panels of laboratory tests was necessary for us to accurately assess our patient's medical condition and meet their medical needs. While these tests are rarely used by mainstream practitioners, they are regularly I used by those practitioners who deliver thorough and excellent integrative complimentary health care. These tests are more specific and give a more precise picture of a Patient's state of health and/or disease.

Her supervision of the staff was superior to what was required. She was always available to guide her staff, whether in person, or by phone if she was in her Long Island office. I discontinued working with Dr. Corsello to study for a Master's Degree, as she had inspired me to pursue further knowledge in her field of Nutritional medicine. She has continued to lecture and teach others her innovative approaches for healing. In my 39 years of nursing, I was able to see chronically ill patient's truly "get their life back" after being in the care of Dr. Corsello.

It is a travesty to prevent patients from having the privilege of Dr. Corsello's expertise. I was never aware of any non-legal people that she employed, and to accuse her of dishonesty, incompetence: poor charting and lack of supervision is a complete lie, as you can see from the description of my work experience while in her employ. I am appalled by this situation and wish to see this overturned.

Sincerely,

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