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Committee of the Professions

Re: Serafina Corsello, MD

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I worked as a nurse at The Corsello Centers, Huntington, N.Y. for 10 years.

During the entire time of my employment, I was fascinated by the dedication and level of care that Dr. Corsello provided for her patients.

The entire medical team met once a week, in a round table discussion. We jointly reviewed all diagnostic tests and discussed all the patients that we had seen. Special attention was given to any patients that were not improving, or who had severe conditions. Care Plans were initiated by Dr. Corsello herself, and reviewed by the professional members of the medical team, which included N.P.'s, P.A.'s and R.N.'s. Each week, a different person gave a research presentation about a current topic in mainstream medical literature, such as the role of cholesterol in health and wellness, as well as its role as a causative factor in disease. The center was way ahead of its time, with an emphasis on diet and nutrition as a mainstay of treatment, as well as exercise and the importance of psychological and emotional factors on individual wellness. Dr. Corsello was truly a pioneer in the use of cutting edge medical tests, which are just now starting to be used by more mainstream physicians. An example of this is to test for inflammatory factors, such as C-Reactive Protein, which is now recognized to be linked to several disease processes.

In addition, Dr. Corsello ran all day workshops once per quarter, that allowed the staff to delve more deeply into treatment options for various conditions.

Dr. Corsello was particularly strict with the maintenance of patient charts. Each test result and chart notation was assigned to a specific chart area, so that all members of the medical team could review the entire care plan. In addition, each staffmember who interacted with a patient was required to note the interaction and its outcome.

I have worked at several medical venues since becoming a nurse in 1977. None can compare to the Corsello Centers for the vast majority of positive patient outcomes, along with the excellence in education and support that the staff received.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kamhi, RN