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Re: Louis Friedlander, MD

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known and worked with Dr. Friedlander since September of 2002. My experience with him has involved evaluating his care and technique during his application for active privileges at North Georgia Medical Center as well as working with him on several cases. (I was Chief of Surgery during the period August, 2002 to August, 2003). These cases involved reconstruction of head and neck, scar revision, fasciotomy and repair of multiple injuries presenting to the ER. I have also observed various cosmetic procedures including breast augmentation, facial cosmetic, and major liposuction procedures. These cases were performed both at North Georgia Medical Center as well as an Outpatient facility in Atlanta. Dr. Friedlander's care and technique were excellent.

I have contacted several patients on whom Dr. Friedlander had operated and examined them at my office. These patients were, without exception, happy with their results and very complimentary of Dr. Friedlander. The surgical results were excellent.

I also had the opportunity to work with Dr. Friedlander in the Emergency Department. He was the ER Physician, I was the Surgeon on call for the period noted above. I was uniformly satisfied with Dr. Friedlander's performance. He was competent, personable, careful, and thorough. We worked together on many complex ER cases, many of which subsequently were taken to Surgery or admitted under my care. I can recommend him without reservation based on my personal experience.

Dr. Friedlander was well liked by the OR staff. He gets along well with medical staff with only rare exceptions.

I can recommend Dr. Friedlander for reappointment without reservation.

Sincerely,

Raleigh A. Smith MD, FACS