LONG LEGACY OF GREAT CARE

Dr. Al Drash, profiled in the Spring issue, was a wonderful person and a wonderful doctor.

Regarding the treatment of diabetes, only Dr. Best and Dr. Banting, who discovered insulin, did more to benefit patients with diabetes. Dr. Drash's multi-institutional study provided the information and proof that close control of diabetes is important in prevention of the complication of diabetes mellitus. Until that study was done, we did not know if close control of diabetes was important. To me, this is the second most important advance in the treatment of diabetes.

I would like to add that children with diabetes at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh were getting very good care even before Dr. Drash arrived. Dr. Danoski and Dr. Kenny were caring for these children, with the help of residents under their supervision.

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HATS OFF TO GITLIN

The David Gitlin story ["Bricks That Fell Upward," Fall 2010] was very well done, and I was very happy to contribute. By the way, I trained Bert Lubin in hematology. This is such a small world.

I am sure that Jon [Jonathan Gitlin] is very pleased. Yours was a fine tribute to an extraordinary physician scientist.

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