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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my patients who use the device called the Heart Hugger. It has been such a positive asset to their recovery. I recommend and prescribe it for all my open heart patients. It is necessary for postoperative care to prevent incisional wound dehiscence due to coughing. This coughing is necessary to prevent fluid buildup in the lungs which frequently occurs following surgery.

This device has been particularly beneficial to the patients who are undergoing repeat coronary artery bypass grafting or valve replacements. They testify of the fact that their recovery has been much quicker while using the Heart Hugger compared to the prior surgery when the device was not available.

It is recommended that the patient take the Heart Hugger home and continue to use it until they return for their first follow up visit which is approximately three weeks following the surgery.

I trust I have answered your questions regarding the importance and usefulness of the Heart Hugger. If you have further questions, please contact this office.



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