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Dear Dr. Macabobby,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best in patient care, we are now providing VitalStim<sup>®</sup> Therapy as an adjunct to TuDor Physical Therapy dysphagia therapy program.

VitalStim Therapy is the registered trade name for the use of neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) in the treatment of dysphagia. During a VitalStim Therapy session, a current is delivered through surface electrodes on the anterior portion of the neck.

The current promotes recruitment of the swallowing musculature and thereby enhances the impact of traditional swallowing therapy. A typical session lasts ½ hour to 1 hour, patients with dysphagia on average receive 12 -15 VitalStim sessions.

FDA clearance of VitalStim Therapy was granted in December 2002 following submission and review of a five-year study to demonstrate efficacy and safety. Since obtaining FDA clearance, hundreds of thousands of VitalStim Therapy treatments have taken place across the country. We are delighted that clients at TuDor Physical Therapy Centers now have the benefit of this innovative therapy.

In addition to FDA clearance, VitalStim Therapy is backed by comprehensive clinical data. Research has shown that when added to traditional swallowing therapy, VitalStim

- Improves the swallowing ability of dysphagic patients.
- Accelerates recovery from a restricted diet.
- Decreases PEG tube dependency.
- Shows sustained recovery in patients.

Please review the enclosed literature, which provides additional information on this exciting treatment in the management of Dysphagia. If you have any questions regarding VitalStim Therapy or have patients you feel may benefit from this treatment, please contact us at 330-965-9330.

Sincerely,  
TuDor Physical Therapy Centers