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Dear Dr. Tania Gonzalez León:

The Department of Urology congratulates you for your excellent research work and the development of the laparoscopic translumbar technique to remove large and impacted stones in the mid-ureter. We think, as a department, that you are a leader in this technique in the Caribbean and Latin American.

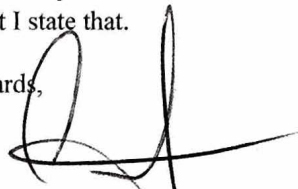
After reviewing our records, this technique has never been done at our university. Our attendings, residents and fellows were thankful that you shared your experience with us.

It was very interesting to know the different steps of the technique and the algorithm; also it was very important for us to know that using electrocautery to open the ureter and removing the stone the incidence of ureteral stricture was very low and almost 1%. Also, you should be commended for developing this surgical approach to help patients when other methods have failed or not been available.

My heartfelt congratulations upon the presentation. It was an honor to know your dedication in the field of minimally invasive urologic surgery; you are a true academic urologist with much respected background in your research. It has been a pleasure to know your work and I know that you are the finest reflection of what academia is all about.

I believe that you will offer more to the field of urology and will be a pioneer, and it is with pride that I state that.

Best regards,



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