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Dear Dr. Margolis:

I write concerning the New York State Education Department's 2001 review of the MD program in International Health and Medicine at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in collaboration with Columbia University's Division of Health Sciences.

Based on the report of the site-visit team, I am pleased to approve the MD program in International Health and Medicine at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in collaboration with Columbia University's Division of Health Sciences for the purpose of placing students in clinical clerkships in the University's affiliated hospitals in New York State through April 1, 2005. This approval applies to the placement of clinical clerks at New York Presbyterian Hospital; however, should the medical school sign acceptable affiliation agreements with other teaching hospitals, we will be pleased to review them on an individual basis and extend this approval to include them. Continuation of this approval beyond April 1, 2005, will be dependant upon the results of the Department's next formal review to occur in 2004 at a time mutually convenient to the University and the Department, and upon favorable review of an interim report, to be submitted to the Department no later than September 1, 2003. The interim report should focus on observation, findings, and recommendations of the team as described in the site-visit report's summary. My approval is also granted with the understanding that the Department retains the prerogative of undertaking an interim visit in 2003 at the University's expense should this be deemed necessary, based upon the review of the interim report.

We appreciate the cooperation you and your colleagues have extended the Department during the evaluation process. It is our desire to maintain a mutually helpful and effective relationship. If there is any way in which we can further this goal, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Johanna Duncan-Poitier