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Doctor Hector Garcia  
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RE: MR. ALFREDO MEDINA

Dear Doctor Garcia:

This gentleman was examined in my office on August 31, 1973. Apparently the patient sustained an injury to his right hand on August 24, 1973 when he was hit with a pipe while participating in a neighborhood fight. He developed immediate pain and deformity and was examined in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital where a laceration of the dorsal aspect of the index finger was sutured. He was placed in a finger splint and recommended to check with his family doctor. At the present time, the swelling is subsiding. He has only moderate pain and is taking no medications. He was given a tetanus shot and also a shot of Penicillin in the emergency room. He was also given Phenaphen for pain and he developed some kind of rash that lasted for approximately two days.

On examination of the left hand, we found a suture laceration over the dorsal aspect of the first phalanx of the index finger, moderate tenderness on palpation and swelling of the entire digit. The alignment was satisfactory. The circulation and sensation to all fingers was normal.

Radiologic studies revealed a severely comminuted fracture of the first phalanx index finger with intra-articular component. The general alignment of the fragment was satisfactory. Treatment consisted of application of a long metallic splint. The patient is to return in 2 weeks for observation.

Thank you very much for referring Mr. Medina.

Yours truly,



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