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To Whom It May Concern:

I was asked to evaluate the Computed Tomography (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the head of patient Marcela de Jesus Galante Ferreira, who had been diagnosed with anencephaly. Marcela de Jesus Galante Ferreira does have anencephaly as approved in the United States by major neurological organizations: The scalp is absent, and the skull is open from the vertex to the foramen magnum. The brain is present but abnormally developed. The orbits are shallow, and the eyes protrude. This is based on my evaluation of the CT of the brain performed on November 21, 2006 at the Fundacao Civil Casa de Misericordia de Franca Centro Diagnostico por Imagem and the MRI of the brain performed on November 13 2007 at the Hospital Sao Joaquim.

I have been certified multiple times as an expert in United States of America Courts to evaluate infants with abnormalities of the brain and skull, including Baby K, who had anencephaly. She lived beyond 2 years. The case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court. The Supreme Court upheld the Ruling of the District Court that ruled if Baby K should require a life supporting ventilator, Baby K was not to be denied this. The ruling in Baby K is the legal standard in District 4 of the United States District Courts.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

  
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