



## Joliet Headache & Neuro Center

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To Whomever 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. I am basing my assessment on the standard definition of anencephaly as approved in the United States by all the major neurological organizations: "The scalp is absent, and the skull is open from the vertex to the foramen magnum. The brain, appearing hemorrhagic and fibrotic, is exposed to view. It consists mainly of the hindbrain and parts of the diencephalon; the forebrain is completely lacking. The orbits are shallow, and the eyes protrude." This is exactly what is seen in the imaging study of patient Marcela de Jesus Galante Ferreira. She only had the presence of the medulla oblongata, pons, midbrain, and cerebellum. The rest of her brain is absent. 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. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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