

To Whom it may concern,

Dr Caputo is nothing short of an amazing person and doctor! When my OB GYN suddenly retired in the midst of problems I was having, Dr Caputo was recommended to me by my sister. He happily took me in and took the time with me that was desperately needed. Several surgeries later, I have never felt better in my life.

I work in the medical field, in compliance, and am well aware of the challenges physicians face. Dr Caputo has been wronged, and this needs to be rectified. He stood up against some of the "powers that be" to advocate for the good of his patients. I wonder how these "powers that be" can look at themselves in the mirror after what they have done to this wonderful man.

I truly hope and pray that Dr Caputo can re-open his practice. I, for one, will not hesitate to go back to him.

Melanie V [REDACTED], MA, CPC
Upstate Medical University

Three years ago, I went to see Dr. Caputo as a new patient, and after talking with me for only five minutes, he was already suspicious that I had a fertility issue. He immediately had the diagnosis confirmed via sonogram. Dr. Caputo found the missing piece to a puzzle I had been trying to figure out for years. I have described the same symptoms with each and every OB-GYN I have seen in the past, four to be exact, and I would simply be discredited with some logical explanation and be given the assurance that nothing was wrong. Not only is Dr. Caputo a physician of superior knowledge and skill, he takes the time to listen to his patients. Sitting in his office after the sonogram, for the first time, I felt safe, knowing that I would receive the best medical care at all times. Nothing would ever be dismissed or overlooked again.

When I think about how negligent my other OB-GYNS have been, I am outraged by what is being done to Dr. Caputo. The level of scrutiny he has been put under is not only ridiculous, but insulting. My husband and I both know that if I hadn't seen him when I did, our wonderful son would not be here today. In addition, I would be suffering from other health problems, side effects of the fertility issue my four other OB-GYNS all missed. After being under the care of such a high-caliber doctor, it is frustrating and

infuriating to be alone in the OB-GYN world again, left to fend for myself. If Dr. Caputo should ever practice in New York State again, I would be his patient until the day he retires.

Dr. Caputo is an outstanding scientist and physician. He is also kind, caring and compassionate, and he will always do what is in the best interest of his patients. This doctor is now out of practice while average and sub-par physicians are safely and cozily practicing throughout New York State. The suspension of Dr. Caputo's license certainly does not serve his 3,000 patients or the community of Central New York. I implore the government officials of New York to investigate this matter. None of it makes any sense whatsoever.

Jennifer N [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

Please consider the following information regarding the performance of Dr. Caputo. He delivered both of my grandchildren and I have to say that I was so happy that my most precious daughters were under his impeccable care. I witnessed the birth of one of my grandchildren and saw the professionalism, warmth and compassion of this skilled doctor first hand. He is passionate about his patients and it would be such a loss if he was not allowed to continue his practice.

I urge you to help him restore his practice, for the sake of the many families he has helped. We need doctors like him!

Sincerely,

Maria

Maria M [REDACTED]

Project Manager-Central NY

To whom it makes a difference to:

My wife, Diane E [REDACTED], had been seeing Dr. Caputo for a number of years. This is something I just don't get involved in - if she is happy, I am happy. Although, in looking back at it, her having to make her annual check-up was never a dreadful event and everything was fine.

Then she started having some irregular test results and Dr. Caputo began raising his level of concern. Last year, it culminated in Diane have a hysterectomy. Needless to say, this is when I really got to know Dr. Caputo. For having to go through such a serious procedure, I felt confident putting my wife in Dr. Caputo's care. There is no question that his competency has saved my wife a lot of grief and anguish. It was extremely disappointing to not have him be able to follow thru with her continued care.

She would go back to him in a heartbeat should he be allowed to continue his fine, caring practice. It is my hope that the injustices forced upon Dr. Caputo can be cleared up, so that this fine Doctor is allowed to share his gifts and talents with our community.

I was a patient of Dr. James Caputo. I was referred to him by a friend that told me how wonderful he was. My first office visit was in January 2003. My husband and I were trying to conceive and had not been successful as of yet. On my first visit Dr. Caputo did a thorough exam and assessment including talking to me and really listening to what I was saying, which is rare for most doctors. I was diagnosed with PCOS (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome) and was put on the right medication. I returned to Dr. Caputo in the beginning of March because I was pregnant already. The care I received throughout my pregnancy was amazing. Dr Caputo was so caring and stayed right on top of my care as I had low progesterone in the first trimester and then had high blood sugar later in my pregnancy. He was so thorough that I never had any doubts about delivering a healthy baby.

I became pregnant with my 2nd child after asking to be put on this same medication again and once again it happened right away. I always felt very blessed to have Dr Caputo caring for me. He made my husband and I feel so at ease and feel like we were the only patient he had. A year later I became pregnant with my 3rd child and once again received outstanding care. I have missed Dr Caputo more than words can say. I can not describe the close bond I feel with him after going through 3 pregnancies and 3 deliveries with him. I want another baby but I just can not get past not having MY Dr. I am behind him 110% and hoping he will be back in practice soon. I have since been to two other OB/GYN's and I was not even introduced to the actual OB/GYN! How could I possibly know if I could trust them or count on them to care for me without even meeting them?? I will never have a doctor as good as Dr Caputo! My faith is in him and I know he is going to prevail!

Kelly A. (Patient for 5 years)

January 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a privilege for me to write in reference to Dr. James Caputo. He is the kindest, most caring, and capable doctor I have ever been a patient of. Having had many surgeries with other doctors and having experienced some type of difficulty with each operation, it was nothing short of miraculous for me to come through my surgery with Dr. Caputo with not one single difficulty or bad side effect.

His capability as a doctor far outshines the rest. There was never a need to feel nervous entering his office, even when you knew something was wrong with you. The calming effect of his waiting room, the warm reception from the office staff, the quality nurses he employed, and a doctor who truly cares for each and every patient as a person. Being capable of running tests in the office, not sending patients to a distant lab, not having to wait days or even weeks for results of tests, these are things that bring peace of mind to a patient. These are reasons why I traveled one hundred miles from my home to be a patient of the finest doctor I have ever known! I personally know seven other women who also travel this distance and they each know of several women from our area who are willing to travel one hundred miles to have a

doctor who remembers not only your name, but the names of your husband and children, a doctor you can call with a question no matter how simple or serious and he will give you his time and attention.

The closing of Dr. Caputo's office was the biggest loss for so many women, many of whom are still searching for the "right" doctor! Most of whom are hoping and praying Dr. Caputo will be reinstated so they can return to his office.

I beg of you, on behalf of myself and all the patients who have had to "settle" for another doctor, please give us back the best doctor in central and northern New York, Dr. James Caputo!

Sincerely,

Elaine M. [REDACTED]

Carthage NY

10 December 2008

I first went to see Dr. Caputo for a second opinion regarding a procedure that was being recommended by another physician. Dr. Caputo took my husband and me into his office and explained in great detail the procedure and the reasons for having it done. Imagine my surprise when this man, who was not even going to perform the surgery, took the time to make sure that we understood the how and the why. I learned things about my own body that no one had ever told me before. The other doctor, one of the "best", didn't spend any time explaining anything to me; she simply told me that I had to have the surgery or sign a release stating that I refused the recommended treatment. I returned to the original doctor for the surgery but resolved to have all of my follow-up done by Dr. Caputo.

While a patient of his, I had another problem which required another surgical procedure. There was some sort of communication problem in the office and I never received a scheduling phone call. When I called to find out the status of my appointment I was upset with the whole situation. Less than a half hour after hanging up the phone with one of the office staff, Dr. Caputo himself called me to apologize for the misunderstanding and to assure me that everything was being taken care of. I was more impressed than ever. Knowing that this doctor cared enough about me as a patient to call personally and make sure that everything was all right speaks volumes about his commitment to care.

To say that I was devastated upon receiving the phone call from the Good Life Centre regarding the suspension and the closing of the office is not too strong of a phrase. I had finally found the kind of physician people dream of and he was being taken away from his patients. I have seen many physicians over the course of my life and Dr. Caputo is the first one that made me feel like my knowledge of myself mattered. He listened when I spoke about symptoms and concerns and addressed them instead of brushing them aside. He explained different options with their possible consequences and made me feel like an active partner in my health care decisions instead of a bystander. My husband was equally impressed with Dr. Caputo and the manner in which he conferenced with us and cared for me. Any doctors I encounter in the future will be measured against Dr. Caputo and, based on prior experience, will most likely come up short.

Suzanne [REDACTED]

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Cortland, NY 13045

To whom it may concern:

I cannot say enough about Dr. Caputo! Dr. Caputo and his staff are awesome! My baby and I had the best care and were surrounded by an atmosphere that was welcoming. When you have a staff that is as committed as the doctor is you know he is doing something right as the doctor he sets the tone. He covered all the bases and answered all of my questions. I had a stillborn years ago and I prayed for my daughter who is now 1 years old (Jada Simone) and I had some real concerns once I found out I was pregnant.

A few ladies from my church said nothing but great things about him so I made an appointment and I know that it was the best decision I could have made for my unborn and myself. This man has patients that are waiting for him to open back up. I was blessed to be able to have him deliver my daughter but I also know that some were sad that he was not able to deliver their babies. WE the women of Syracuse deserve to have the quality care that this man brings to all his patients and we are looking forward to his return I just pray that you allow US to receive that care in Syracuse , NY.

Thank you,

Sonia G [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I was greatly saddened when Dr. Caputo was forced to close his practice. I am 44 years old and finally felt that I had a doctor who not only cared, but was knowledgeable and always had time to talk and answer questions or concerns. I respected Dr. Caputo so much, I traveled from the other side of Watertown to my appointments. Finding a reputable, knowledgeable Ob/gyn doctor is difficult, but after switching several times, I felt relieved that I had found a doctor and office that met all of my needs from bone density tests, mammographies and just general gyn checkups.

I am saddened at the politics that have played out and forced his office to close. Shame on those involved. These are the people that are part of the problem of our society.

I hope that Dr. Caputo stays strong and overcomes the obstacles in front of him and that he is once again able to open his practice. I know that I for one, along with several of my friends from the North Country who also went to him, will gladly come back to his practice.

Sincerely,

Lori M [REDACTED]

Deferiet, NY 13628

Profession – Teacher

In 2006, I found myself 27 weeks pregnant with an OB/gyn that did not leave me with much confidence at all, especially for a first time mom. I was referred to a new doctor by a good friend of mine. The new doctor was Dr. James Caputo of Syracuse, NY. On my first office visit, my husband and I were convinced that we made the right decision by switching providers. I was examined, sonogrammed and then we went into the doctor's office for a consultation. Dr. Caputo explained that I had an incompetent cervix and was too far along to have a cerclage. He explained to us at length and detail what that meant and we were impressed at how he stressed the seriousness without scaring us. Because my cervix was already dilated, he placed me on limited bed rest until my next appointment two weeks later. On my next appointment he showed us how I had progressed and needed immediate care and had me admitted into Crouse Hospital. To make a long story short, my son was born healthy at 36 weeks. I have no doubt that had I stayed with my previous OB/gyn, I most likely would have given birth on a trip scheduled (and ok'd by my previous OB/gyn) to Las Vegas which would have occurred during my 28 to 30 weeks gestation.

I tell you this story because I am dumbfounded by the egregious actions toward an obviously dedicated and highly skilled doctor and surgeon. Beside the fact that he may have saved the life of my son, he took unbelievably good care of me and my baby. He was always so patient and gentle. My husband came to each and every visit and Dr. Caputo took the time to make sure we both were comfortable with every decision. I trust him with my life and the life of my children.

In closing, I would like to mention that when Dr. Caputo was suspended and his practice was forced to close, I was 30 weeks pregnant with my second child. The news was devastating to us. The new doctor I was forced to see instead was no where near his caliber, yet I didn't have time to find someone else (not to mention time to become comfortable with them). So I had to see someone that was not familiar with me, my history, or my circumstance. The results were less than desirable to say the least. The new doctor could not remove the cerclage properly and had to admit me into the hospital. My water broke while in recovery and I gave birth while suffering from a spinal leak induced head ache. Even when Dr. Caputo could no longer see me as a patient, he made sure his replacement could contact him, giving us his home number and pager so that he could verbally assist in removing the uncommon type of cerclage he put in place. The new doctor did not feel it necessary to contact him which resulted in terrible pain and surgery. And as I recovered from this ordeal, spending many days (more than twice a normal stay) in the hospital, I missed the out of town visits from my family and much of the first three weeks of my newborn's life. I am certain that had Dr. Caputo continued to be my physician, none of this ordeal would have happened nor would he have allowed such careless consideration for a patient's pain. I am further disappointed and basically angry about the actions of malice and spite toward someone who gave so many the best possible care.

Dr. James Caputo was a wonderful and caring physician and our family has felt at a loss for his departure.

Sincerely,

Sarah R [REDACTED]

My family and I were devastated when Dr. Caputo's office was forced to close. Going to the doctor has never been one of my favorite things to do. When I found out that I was pregnant, I was scared to death. My husband and I had been married for 17 years and had given up hope of ever having a child. The mere fact that we were pregnant was surely a gift from God. The tricky part was to stay pregnant. Sitting in Dr. Caputo's office, meeting him for the first time gave us a minute to look around and "see" who he was. An obvious man of faith who is deeply devoted to his family, his quick smile and his vast knowledge of medicine made us feel confident that he would be able to help our family.

My preexisting health conditions were a serious cause for concern. Dr. Caputo was always forthright and honest about the complications and risks but also educated us along the way. He spent time with us, talked to us, sharing anecdotal stories and the science behind what was happening as our baby developed. He and his staff were always readily available to address my questions. In fact, I needed to take insulin during my pregnancy and during the initial dosing set up I would call in my glucose readings when I first woke up in the morning. I get up early- and so did Dr. Caputo to return my call and give instructions...7 days a week.

All things considered, my pregnancy went well and we delivered a healthy 10lb., 13 oz. baby boy two days after Christmas via cesarean section. Our trust in Dr. Caputo and his abilities was reassuring and comforted us greatly. The idea of surgery didn't scare me at all as Dr. Caputo had walked us through the procedure prior to the delivery day.

My stay at Crouse Hospital was a NIGHTMARE. While the nursing care was very good, the policies that the hospital prints in all of their brochures about their maternity ward are for show only. The floor was to capacity and I ended up with two different roommates that essentially had parties in the room with 15+ persons at the bedsides. No one at the hospital cared to enforce any sort of rules. Only when a guest of my roommate threatened my husband with hot coffee (he had asked them to quiet down a little) did the head of the nursing staff move us to a quiet room. I really just wanted to go home and was preparing to do just that. This commotion elicited 3 phone calls to Dr. Caputo who was visiting family in Rochester- he immediately returned from Rochester to see my husband and me. His presence brought calm.

Since the closing of his office, I have seen another doctor that came highly recommended by my friends and even Dr. Caputo himself. While my new doctor is certainly experienced, he's just a doctor. His office is efficient, yet sterile, lacking personality. Having been to this new doctor, my husband and I have decided to not have any more children. The experience just wouldn't be the same.

I check Dr. Caputo's site on a regular basis hoping to see when and where he'll return to practicing medicine – I do hope it is soon. He is very devoted to his family; his practice was his extended family-he was devoted to us, his patients, too. He is an amazingly gifted man.

Sincerely,

Randy M. L. 

To whom it may concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. James Caputo since 1999. In the time that I have been a patient of his, I got married & of course tried to start a family. We found that I had PCOS & that it would be difficult for my husband and I to conceive on our own with out medical intervention. As a young couple, this was difficult news to hear. But we were thankful that Dr. Caputo was working with us. He took care of us as a couple through the 4 year emotional journey it took us to have our first daughter.

My first pregnancy was full of complications including low amniotic fluid volume, gestational diabetes & pregnancy induced hypertension. It is the care of Dr. Caputo that gave us a healthy 35 week gestation baby girl, and that I am still alive to see her grow. I am sure that if it weren't for Dr. Caputo's decisive interventions & close eye on my progress the outcomes would have been devastating.

I continued to be under Dr. Caputo's care until my husband and I were ready to embark again on the emotional journey of trying for a second baby. Now that the questions of my infertility were answered, we knew the course we were going to take. After 3 months, were thrilled to find that we were expecting again.....this time with triplets. Immediately after the news was given to us, we sat in Dr. Caputo's office and he completely laid out the risks & complications that a triplet pregnancy would bring. The news was sobering, but we were filled with hope & confident that we were under the best care. Being a Registered Nurse myself, I never second guessed Dr. Caputo's interventions. Our goal together was to get to 35 weeks with the triplets, and was dealt with very conservatively in order to get there. The babies had different plans, and at 29 weeks started in pre term labor. I was admitted to the hospital & managed for 2 weeks until baby A's water broke & the labor could not be held off any longer. Dr. Caputo was at my side within minutes of my water breaking....at 11pm, and performed an emergency c section to deliver my three healthy babies.

They are 13 1/2 months old now, & I thank God every time I see them that Dr. Caputo was the one to see us through such a scary & crazy time in our lives. Just months after the triplets' delivery, all the news broke about the fraudulent charges against him. My husband and I were absolutely physically sick about the whole thing because we KNEW that what was being said about him went against everything we had come to know about him over the last 10 years. Always practicing with excellence & integrity, he treated us like family & cared for us as such. I have since had to find a new OBGYN, and am convinced that I will NEVER find another practitioner who has such an astute attention to detail, or a staff that is as kind and caring as his was.

This letter can not even come close to portraying what I feel about Dr. Caputo as a medical doctor. A few words to describe him could come close: Intelligent, caring, thorough, excellent, thoughtful, friendly, faithful, and always striving for the best.

Sincerely,

Stephanie J [REDACTED]

My name is Michelle B [REDACTED] and I have known Dr. Caputo for approx. 6 years. Dr. Caputo delivered two of my children and during delivery was more professional and compassionate than the doctor I had

for my first child. I cannot believe the injustice toward him. He is one of the best doctors I have ever met.

After the delivery of my youngest daughter my body had changed and needed help with medication for it to go back to normal. Dr. Caputo was well informed and passed all information on to me. He continued to keep me informed on anything that he saw in the field that could assist. His professionalism, confidence, compassion and intelligence were what kept me very content in his practice.

I wish nothing but the best for him and his family and look forward to someday being Dr. Caputo's patient once again.

Michelle B [REDACTED]
Memphis, New York

I really loved Dr. Caputo and everyone I talked to who was a patient of his feels the same way. I recently went to see the Doctor Dr. Caputo referred me to, but I was extremely disillusioned after waiting there for over 3 ½ hours. This Doctor was nice person but compared to Dr. Caputo I found him lacking in many ways. Why did they have to mess up such a wonderful practice? I really miss him and would like him to know that we pray for him and his family everyday. I have never received better care than I did from him & his staff and I have a beautiful baby boy to prove it. Because of the actions of these shameless bureaucrats the community has lost a valuable surgeon, doctor and a decent human being who values life above all else.

I am at a loss. I wish there was something more I could do.

Thank you

Michelle S [REDACTED]

My name is Gloria C [REDACTED] and I am a patient of Dr. Caputo's. I hope that I am not too late in sending this letter out to add my support and assistance in whatever way I can for Dr Caputo. I was in his care for about 5 yrs always talking about how I really wanted to have a child. He always gave me encouragement that one day it would happen and when it did we were both in his office in shock. It took me almost 3 days to deliver my son and Dr Caputo was there encouraging and supporting me, how could I not do the same for him. My son keeps me on my toes which is why I am now writing this letter, but I am willing to add my support if it is not too late. My contact information is below after 5pm I can be reached at 399-7717. I understand when the husband writes about his wife having another child and having to make a relationship with a new dr. I told Dr Caputo that I wouldn't do it again and when I think that if I did and he wouldn't be my doctor, please, I cried when I went to my visits and he was too busy too see me and I had to see Teri. I have to get him back before I get to old to chase children around the playground.

Gloria J C [REDACTED]

On behalf of Dr. Jim Caputo, I feel I must share my story. On one of my follow up visits Dr. Caputo insisted I have my mammogram and not wait for my scheduled time. He had found a problem spot and immediately sent me a surgeon, followed by a biopsy, surgery and treatment I am now well on my way to recovery. My two daughters have entrusted their health care to Dr, Caputo and he has delivered my beautiful grandchildren. I look forward to being in Dr. Caputo's care again.

Carmelann S [REDACTED], New Hartford, NY

Fayetteville, New York 13066

December 16, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Dr. James Caputo. I was a patient with Dr. Caputo for over seven years and am very sadden by his inability to practice in Syracuse. Dr. Caputo was always kind, gentle and easy to talk to. Even when I had an appointment with someone else in his office, he always made a point to sit down and talk with me. His interest in my health and overall wellness was always evident. He exudes confidence and credibility. I always felt comfortable talking to him and a sense that I was in good hands. He takes his job as seriously as if all of his patients were part of his own family. I was very saddened to hear how the medical community has treated him. There is no doubt in my mind that he was ill treated because he didn't subscribed to the same politics of the "good old boys club". Although I have found another practice, I am not very happy with them and don't have a comfort level of the care I am receiving. I would go back Dr Caputo immediately should he reopen his practice in the area and have the support of the major insurance companies. I am available to contact should there be any specific questions to address. I wish all the best to Dr Caputo and his family and hope to hear good news soon.

Sincerely,

Marisa G [REDACTED] O [REDACTED]

I would like to add my name to the list of Dr. Caputo's faithful supporters. If it hadn't been for him, I would not be enjoying my three beautiful grandchildren, who were all born prematurely. He took wonderful care of my daughter and was always there when she needed him. She was hospitalized for weeks before each birth and he came in every day, including weekends, to check on her progress and that of the babies. Thanks to him she and the babies came through a trying experience in excellent health and I will be forever grateful for his expertise and conscientiousness.

We need Dr. Caputo!

Sincerely,

Noreen L [REDACTED]
(mother of Beth S [REDACTED] and grandmother of [REDACTED])

January 4, 2009

I am writing to take an opportunity to voice my experience as a patient of Dr. Caputo. He most certainly is a highly competent and compassionate obstetrician/gynecologist. I support him in all his efforts to right this horrific wrong done to him by Crouse Hospital and the NY State Department of Health.

In 2003, I chose Dr. Caputo as my obstetrician when I was 20 weeks pregnant with twins because I did not feel confident with my doctor at the time. Please realize my previous ob/gyn was my doctor for over five years so this was in no way a hasty decision and was based on the little amount of care I was receiving during the first half of my pregnancy. I did my research to locate the best ob for me. Dr. Caputo was highly recommended for many reasons including his medical knowledge, his compassion and his complete focus on the patient and the babies to be born. I was most impressed with the fact he was the only doctor to see his patients and he performed all the deliveries except for one week out of the year because of a well deserved vacation. This is extremely hard to find in the ob profession and highlights his dedication.

There is no doubt in my mind the most important issue for Dr. Caputo was to have a healthy delivery for my babies and for them to thrive as infants. I was never exposed to any unnecessary risks. At week 24, I was placed on bed rest because my cervix was already 50% effaced, and trust me I was not happy about it. But Dr. Caputo took the time to explain how important it was and to focus on the beautiful reward of two healthy babies. After 12 weeks of bed rest, the non-caesarian delivery went very smoothly without the use of forceps. If it was not for Dr. Caputo and his thoroughness, the twins may have been born much earlier with health problems. I am pleased to report; my husband and I have two healthy five year old girls. Everyday I am grateful for Dr. Caputo and the blessings he delivered.

I must add how saddened I am to see 'the agendas' of corporate America have filtered into hospital administration, although I am not surprised. My husband has also experienced this to an extent and escaped an undeserved firing. Luckily he is now with a company that respects his work. Unfortunately, it seems it has become common place in the corporate/business world that even though you may be the best at what you do; you will suffer if you do not go along with 'the agenda'. And we all know 'the agenda' is usually no good. So, I give kudos to Dr. Caputo for taking on this brave fight and fighting for what is right.

It is time for Dr. Caputo to have his practice back in Syracuse, NY. I will once again be his patient and continue to refer others.

Wendy M. [REDACTED]

Liverpool, NY

My wife and two daughters have been receiving medical care from Dr. Caputo for several years. They are the founders of his "Utica Connection" of other females in our family who have also been his patients and fully support him and his quest to return to practice.

It's approximately 50 miles, one way, from the Utica area to Syracuse. In the Winter, the drive can be arduous. Nevertheless, these women have the trust in Dr. Caputo's medical skills and judgment to willingly undertake this travel. They have received gynecological and obstetrical services from Dr. Caputo that have well supported their health care as well as the health care of their newborns. I have heard them praise Dr. Caputo's manner of patient care and his sincere interest in their well being. No after hours calls have been trite. No office visit concern boring. This doctor cares about his patients in a way that IS unique in medical care.

Dr. Caputo's caring is backed-up by what I view is first class medical judgment and treatment. I've been a pharmacist for over 35 years and have seen medical care delivered in civilian and military clinical and community settings by a variety of physicians. Regrettably, I have seen poor medical care provided as well as excellent medical care, and everything in between. I can quite objectively place Dr. James Caputo

in the top echelon of physicians I have seen in action. This man deserves to have an unrestricted practice. His former patients and future patients deserve the opportunity to make the choice to use his services. I have no doubt the overwhelming response will be a full and satisfying practice in very short order.

John F. G [REDACTED], MPA, RPh
LTC, USAR (Ret)

In 2000 Dr. Caputo successively delivered my 33 week preemie. Having lupus, he worked very closely with me during my pregnancy. (Two years earlier, with another doctor, I suffered a still birth).

At 33 weeks, I suffered pre-eclampsia and had an emergency cesarean. After giving birth, the baby was low weight but healthy, thanks to God and Dr. Caputo. Dr. Caputo treated both me and my baby to ensure a successful delivery.

After surgery I kept losing blood, but Dr. Caputo worked diligently to save my life. I was in the critical care unit for two weeks and in the hospital for a total of three weeks. During that time, he was at the hospital daily overseeing my care. He never missed a day. And he was always willing to explain and answer all questions asked by me or my loved ones.

The above history was shortened but it still touches my heart when I think about the medical and supportive care that was given to me by this man.

Having lupus, I was admitted to the hospital on a couple of occasions and Dr. Caputo seeing my name as an inpatient would stop by for moral support. I always appreciated that greatly because it showed that he cared about me not only as a patient and/or number, but also as a person.

In January, 2006, I moved to North Carolina and for the first year and a half I continued to be his patient, traveling from NC. I currently do not receive the level of gynecological care that Dr. Caputo and his staff provided. His office was a complete and total women's care office.

Dr. Caputo also became my teenage daughter's gynecologist. Having rheumatoid arthritis and polycystic ovarian disease, she also had many challenges for the doctor during her care. She received the same close care by the doctor and his staff that I had always received.

When she gave birth at the age of 20, he delivered her baby. She also had to be closely monitored during her pregnancy having some of the same problems as I. She still lives in Syracuse, NY and continued to be his patient. She would still be his patient and will return as his patient when these challenges are overcome.

I am grateful to have been his patient as I learned a lot from him during that time. I hope that I can find a GYN with his level of concern, passion, and skill for the care of women.

I remain a thankful patient in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Rose Mary S [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. Caputo's since he walked into the delivery room in June of 1999 as the on-call OB when I was in labor with my second child. After my delivery, which was not uncomplicated, I asked my nurses at what point I could switch to Dr. Caputo as my regular OB/GYN. They informed me that I needed to stay with my current doctor through my six-week checkup. At that time, I had my current doctor immediately send my file to Dr. Caputo.

Dr. Caputo has seen me through two successful child births, a miscarriage, many tests, and a uterine suspension surgery. I have never known a physician to be more caring and concerned with his patient's well being. During my children's births, Dr. Caputo showed compassion and excitement as would a family member. When I had my miscarriage, he was understanding and helpful, as well as honest about the probable outcome beforehand. When I was experiencing pain that resembled back labor for six months, he was my only doctor that kept running different tests until he found what was causing the pain and fixed it! When my uterine suspension surgery took longer than expected to fully heal, he worked with me, returned my phone calls (all of them!) and congratulated me when I informed him that I was finally up to par and enjoying my regular activities.

Central New York has lost a truly wonderful doctor and compassionate human being due to the actions taken against Dr. Caputo. Please help to allow Dr. Caputo to be fully restored to the position that he was born to fulfill -- that of an incredible OB/GYN -- and allow his patients to return to their past level of confidence in their favorite physician.

Sincerely,

Lorraine P [REDACTED]

I was so sad when I received the news that Dr. Caputo was closing his office. After having him deliver my little girl Carly, I became quite impressed with his genuine concern for me and my little one. Carly is 6 now and to be honest, if I were going to have another child, I would definitely want him for my doctor and for him to deliver my child. I felt no fear (which says a lot-being it was my first baby) due to his kindness and confidence. He had things under control and all went great.

I cannot wait and hope it is very soon that he reopens his practice. I will be one of the first ones in line. I went to another doctor (only because he was not available) and was so concerned when I came out. They didn't do half the tests and checks that Dr. Caputo's office did - they didn't even ask that many questions, even though it was my first visit with them. I felt fear that they weren't looking closely enough to everything (being over 45 I want a doctor that asks questions and looks at everything) and they certainly did not. Dr. Caputo always made you feel that your health was very important to him - the only time you had to wait in the waiting rooms was probably due to the fact that he takes his time with patients and listens to their questions and concerns and answers them in full.

I would recommend him to anyone looking for a new doctor, I feel he is one of the best doctors around. These days it's hard to really find doctors that you feel completely confident with and Dr. Caputo is the real deal.

Sincerely,

Sandra S [REDACTED]

I first met Dr. Caputo in 1999. My current doctor at the time was Dr. Rashid, he had introduced me to him. Being that this was my first pregnancy, I was scared, worried, etc...Anyways, everything went

relatively well. Dr. Caputo delivered baby #2 in 2003 and baby #3 in 2007. Again, without any problems. I was very thankful that Dr. Caputo was there, I know that I would not have been comfortable with another doctor unfamiliar to me. Any time that I would have an appointment with Dr. Caputo, he would remember me, my family and what was going on in my life. When we heard what was going on, we was shocked. My care was wonderful and always had been. Hopefully the practice will open again, I would definitely return.

Matt and Randi S [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in Support of Dr. Caputo. I don't know all of the details of his current situation but I know it is either a terrible injustice or horrific mistake. I am a fairly new patient of the good Doctor, having avoided medical mds for quite a few years. I have been to bad Drs and can very easily discern a good from bad md. Dr. Caputo is a good, kind, caring physician. He listens,& takes the time to evaluate each and every patient. He runs tests and gives a thorough examination before handing over his opinion. He, to my surprise, made me look forward to my next appt. Any woman who has undergone ob/gyn exams in her past, dread each and every appt. That is not the case in Dr. Caputo's office. Every member of his staff make you feel like family. I cannot, for the life of me, understand why this good man has been put through this nightmare while many, many others, not of his caliber continue to "practice" on the general population. It is a grave injustice to keep him from his patients and I encourage you to reinstate this good, honest, kind physician as soon as possible so that his patients like me, can once again get medical care we need and deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori N [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Karen G [REDACTED] and I have been a patient of Dr. Caputo for 8+ years. I had never had a steady doctor after the birth of my son at a very young age until a friend referred me to his practice. After being treated horribly from St. Joseph's hospital, I was absolutely terrified to ever become pregnant and deliver again. I discussed my fear in detail with Dr. Caputo one day in a casual conversation. He told me about what type of care he and his staff offer and I was surprised that Dr's really cared that much. (again, I had a terrible experience at St. Joe's)

To make a long story short, my husband and I decided to try after 8 years of our first child. After about a year of no luck, we decided it wasn't meant to be and I went in for a consult to have my tubes tied. To our surprise, I was two weeks pregnant at that visit. All the fears came crashing down on me and I was very nervous. To make matters worse, I ended up having Placenta Previa and was in and out of bed rest.

On one of my scheduled appointments, Dr. Caputo had just been called in to delivery and could not make my appointment. In passing, he assured me that his nurse practitioner would take very good care of me. He was right. The two of them were wonderful.

Upon delivery, my husband found out that there were several other woman in there that night.(July 3, 2002). We never once felt as if we were being ignored. We were so appreciative at how easy Dr. Caputo made this delivery for me. He even stuck around for pictures! (couldn't say that for St. Joe's) The next day during recovery, I have to say I wasn't the best patient. I hated sharing a room with other people. Quite frankly, the other woman grossed me out. I called Dr. Caputo and asked if there was anyway I could go home immediately. This was a tall order on the 4th of July, as he found a nurse that would stop by house and allowed me to go home. We received a call from his office checking on me and were blown away.

To be honest, I haven't read all of the information about what is going on with Dr. Caputo. I work a lot and just don't have a ton of spare time. I will say this, it is human nature to tell friends and family when you have a bad experience and when you have a good one, there is with most people, a sense of entitlement. I couldn't count of my fingers how many people we told about how wonderful Dr. Caputo was. He is in our baby photo album and we have fond memories about him.

For me, to find such a dr. is a once a decade if that, kind of thing. I haven't seen a dr. since I picked up my records at his office. Which again, by the way, was handled in an unbelievable manner. A complete reflection on the type of man and the type of business he ran. It saddens me to think other young woman will not experience the kind of care that I did.

Sincerely,

Karen G [REDACTED]

January 14, 2009

RE: Dr. James Caputo

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a patient of Dr. Caputo's since 2002. I came to his office during my second trimester with my first child. I had already been a patient of two prominent doctor groups still practicing in Syracuse. Although I am sure they were medically capable, they were not interested in answering any questions or concerns of mine being my first child and on the heels of a miscarriage prior. Dr. Caputo is exceptionally intelligent yet blends his medical capability with a wonderful bedside manner. He is extremely responsible in both the joys and unfortunately sometimes the sorrows that surround obstetrics.

During the years I was his patient, I found him and his staff personable and extremely capable. I received excellent proactive care. I was encouraged to ask questions as needed and was given full explanations without feeling rushed by the demands on his time.

My first child was born during a snow storm (and during a full moon). Because this was my first delivery, Dr. Caputo stayed in his office overnight to make sure he would be there when it was time and not be delayed by the storm. At 5:30 am that morning, he walked into my delivery room with the biggest smile on his face asking me if I was ready to have this baby. I was amazed at how energetic and excited he was at such an early hour. He obviously loved his job. He stayed with me until my son was born a few hours later.

My daughter was overdue. I was worried because I knew he had scheduled some vacation time and I didn't want a different doctor delivering my baby – no matter how capable he or she was. When a woman gestates her baby all nine months with the doctor of her choice, she wants him or her there on the day that baby is born. He in fact managed to be there for my daughter's delivery providing the same astounding care and upbeat personality as has become his style in the medical community.

I am sincerely saddened by all that Dr. Caputo and his family have been through. Rendering an excellent doctor incapable of practicing medicine takes away his very mission in life. I sincerely believe in Dr. Caputo. He was meant to be a physician in every sense of the word and takes his responsibility as such very serious.

I am currently a patient at a very capable, well established medical group in Syracuse. However, should Dr. Caputo reestablish his practice here in Syracuse, I will be among the many knocking at the front door to be his patient once again without hesitation.

I am available at () should anyone need to speak further on this topic.

Sincerely,

Teresa B [REDACTED] (Grateful Mother of John and Jacqueline both delivered perfectly by Dr. James Caputo)

I too wrote a letter to the post standard(below), but did not see it published. Dr. Caputo delivered my son in September 2007. I am sick that he has been through all of this and had this outrageous outcome. He provided me and I know countless others with the best prenatal care I've ever seen. Ironically, my son was a forceps delivery.....and I'm here to tell you that my son is fine and I was spared a C-Section after many hours of labor. The most disturbing part of this case is the corruption of the DOH and OPMC....I am a healthcare provider myself and feel very weary of the judgments made by these governing bodies. If scientific evidence and actual testimony are not relevant, what exactly is? If the truth isn't good enough....what is? Suddenly my own license to practice doesn't seem like a privilege and honor. Public perception means allot and those that are most corrupt know this.

The media failed miserably to do their job....they only contributed to the destruction of this wonderful physician, his practice and employees, and most of all his family. Thanks for sharing your posting!!!!

Kim

How Medicine Should be Practiced

For the last several months I have been replaying the accusations made against Dr. James Caputo in my head. This was front page news a few months ago, and certainly had enough media coverage to make you think that there must have been gross negligence on his part. As I read the paper and listened to the news, I thought, wow, this will surely close his practice. And when you hear the allegations, it scares you as a woman, to think that you could be so harmed by your OB/GYN. I wanted to hear more about these charges against Dr. Caputo, to make sure I could make an informed decision about my future care. So, I waited, and waited. And what happened was nothing. Not one writer from this paper took the time to find out anything about Dr. James Caputo. Who was he? Did these things really happen? Does he have any blemishes on his license? Not one reporter went to him or his staff and spoke about the good that he does for many people in this community. Not a one, so to the media, I say shame on you for not doing your job of providing the readers and watchers of this community ALL of the information.

Did you know this man has a family? Did you know that he has children? That they would be reading all these things you say about their father. Did you know that he cares for many women at a very vulnerable point of their lives? Did you know that his medical record is clean? Did you know that he has delivered hundreds of healthy babies? Did you know that he takes such good care of his moms and babies that he has virtually no preterm labor out of his practice? Did you know any of this?

I know these things because I had to know the person that I was going to trust with my care. I know these answers because of all the physicians I researched and could have chosen, I picked him. His reputation and the kind of care he provides was and continues to be perfect for me. He is my Doctor and he delivered my son in September 2007. My son today is a healthy 5 month old that would not be here without the help of Dr. Caputo.

I urge women that are thinking of becoming pregnant, pregnant or just looking for a physician that will provide the best care possible for your current situation to go and meet Dr. Caputo. You will not be disappointed. I have the utmost respect for him and his gift to truly practice medicine. All Physicians could use a few lessons from Dr. Caputo on compassion, communication, and respect of the patient.

Kimberly A. K [REDACTED]-S [REDACTED]

Clay, NY

I am writing in support of Dr. James Caputo. I am the husband of Michelle H [REDACTED] a patient of Dr. Caputo for the last 7 years. My story is as follows. When my wife and I first moved to Syracuse, Dr. Caputo came recommended by a fellow employee. In 2002 my wife and I began the process to try to conceive our first child. For 2 years we had continued to try with no such luck. In 2004 I had the pleasure to meet Dr. Caputo to start discussing our options. He explained our options and we began the process. For almost 2 years we continued on with the process of conceiving a child. As Dr. Caputo performed the procedure and the procedure continued to fail, you can only imagine the emotional stress my wife and I continued to go through. What stood out to me was how concerned and how much care Dr. Caputo took to help us conceive our child through this procedure. He continued to encourage us to stay positive and upbeat each time we went through the process.

From the grace of god, we finally succeeded. Throughout my wife's whole pregnancy I continued to be

thoroughly impressed with Dr. Caputo's, kind, gentle and informational approach. He was always open, honest with us as his patients, and he went out of his way to make sure we understood everything that would occur throughout her pregnancy.

Fast forward to the day of delivery. As we arrived at the hospital and we started the process to conceive our son Nicholas, it was very evident that Dr. Caputo was excited about the opportunity to deliver our first child, especially with all the troubles we had. My wife worked diligently to conceive our child through natural birth, but it became clear and evident that she would need assistance. When the time arrived to determine what that assistance was, Dr. Caputo made us aware of three options, the first that he described was a C-section, the 2nd was the Vacuum, and finally the forceps. My wife and I discussed before hand that C-section was not a viable option for her; hence Dr. Caputo gave us the pros and cons of the Vacuum and forceps. Keep in mind, Dr. Caputo had given us the delivery options well in advance god forbid my wife needed assistance. At no time during the delivery did Dr. Caputo try to sway us from one method or the other, we discussed our options, the risk and reward to both options and I, not my wife determined our option based on the information provided at the time.

My son 2 ~ today is healthy, vibrant, in the 98th percentile for his age. Dr. Caputo was simply incredible, a man I would trust with my life. Today, my wife and I are ready to conceive child number 2, due May 31st, 2008. Once again, my wife and I had to go through the process of getting assistance to conceive, once again Dr. Caputo took great care of us. As the husband of his patient, I am appalled that my wife's rights to have Dr. Caputo deliver our second child taken away. When we first heard of the issues at hand of Dr. Caputo and Crouse Hospital, you can only imagine the stress that my wife had to endure to potentially meet another Doctor, develop the trust factor and more importantly feel comfortable with that person. We had developed such a trust factor for Dr. Caputo that we hoped and prayed that he would be able to deliver our Daughter Natalie or our Son Anthony. Not only are we disappointed that he will not be there for us, we are extremely upset that based on all of the non evidence we have seen from the hospital and the information that is posted on Dr. Caputo's website, that my wife's rights have literally been stolen from her.

We are extremely upset that no one from the hospital, no one from the board has issued any kind of statements or evidence of his wrong doings. We are appalled that this Doctors record is tainted for life, we are appalled that he will no longer be able to practice in Syracuse, New York and we are offended that his family has to be put through this, especially with the record he has of delivering over 1300 babies flawlessly.

We are outraged and it is a very sad day for Crouse Hospital. Hence, Community Hospital is now are Hospital of choice.

Make it a Great Day!

Mark H [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

At 20 years old I found out that I was unexpectedly pregnant, 4 months before my wedding at that! Dr James Caputo was recommended to me by a co-worker and I will never forget that day almost 9 years ago that I walked into his office with such apprehension. I was young and at the time unmarried and had no clue what I was doing, combine all of that with being terrified of what the future held for me. As soon as he walked into the room, I quickly learned that judging me for any of my worries was the furthest thing I would ever receive from him. I have now had two semi-complicated pregnancies, with very successful deliveries, and I can not be more grateful to anyone for that than Dr Caputo. He is the most caring and passionate Dr I have ever encountered. There is no Dr with a better bedside manner and who truly cares and is involved in his patients care. Any time that I have seen someone familiar at Dr Caputo's office, or engaged in "Mom" conversations with strangers, once it comes out that Dr Caputo is their Dr I think we all say the same thing, "Don't you just love him!"

After recent events, I have shared in the major disappointment and anger with Dr Caputo's other patients. I was angry that this was happening to him, angry that the powers at Crouse could be so devious and deceitful and get away with it, and most of all angry that I had no choice in the matter. I've seen the sadness on his employees faces as they donated their time to get the office ready to close, and I've read the blogs from other patients and have related to their words and emotions. The fact still remains that because of some cocky "administration" at Crouse Hospital, the Man who safely brought my beautiful babies into this world has had his name dragged through the mud, and his reputation ruined forever.

I have had to find a new Dr, and at my first appointment I wanted to cry. I felt like I was being forced to be there. It's not that my new DR wasn't good, it's just that after all of these years, I knew I would never have the relationship or care that I received with Dr Caputo and staff.

My husband and I have a joke that we don't want to have anymore babies if Dr Caputo can't deliver them. I'm not sure if that is completely a joke though. If I ever had any problems with the births of my children it was the staff at Crouse hospital that caused those problems, and they showed their definite distaste for Dr Caputo during those times when he was a voice for me while I wasn't being heard. There is no other person in this world other than my Husband who I will ever share that bond with, and it is a devastating loss to this medical community. I can only hope that someone will stand up and do the right thing so that Dr Caputo can regain his rights to practice the best medicine that can be given, as he always has, and I know that I will be standing in line with many other women behind me, cheering him on.

Sincerely,

Emily E ████████

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. James Caputo. Dr. Caputo was my OB/GYN from 2002 to 2007, when I relocated from the Syracuse area. I have had only positive experiences with Dr. Caputo and have recommended him often over the past several years. He is an exemplary physician and I have always felt confident in his care.

I first began seeing Dr. Caputo for a gynecological issue in 2002 after having seen several other doctors previously with no relief. I had been under the care of physicians in Syracuse and Albany, as well as in Boston, but no one was able to treat my symptoms with any success, despite several invasive procedures and attempts. When I met Dr. Caputo, he immediately put my mind at ease. His first goal was to treat me, the patient, and not just my symptoms. He listened to my concerns and was always sensitive to my

situation. I am extremely grateful to say that I saw significant improvement in my condition under his care. My only regret is that he is no longer my physician.

In addition to addressing my gynecology issues, he also saw me through a successful pregnancy and the delivery of my daughter in 2004. I had struggled with my first pregnancy and had delivered prematurely. Dr. Caputo was able to identify the cause of my prior pre-term delivery and took extra steps during my pregnancy to make sure I delivered a healthy daughter. Despite having a difficult first experience with a previous physician, I always felt completely confident in Dr. Caputo's care and knew I would deliver a healthy, full-term child.

Much can be said about Dr. Caputo's exceptional abilities as a physician. He is intelligent and insightful and keeps up to date in his field. However, most significant for me, is his ability to listen to his patients and the care and concern he expresses for each one. Whenever I had a question or concern while I was under his care, I never hesitated to pick up the phone to speak with him directly. He always respected my point of view and made sure that I was comfortable with any procedure or treatment before we proceeded. Since I have left his practice, I am starting to realize how rare it is to find a physician who is so invested in his patients, who will call you at home to answer your questions or ease your concerns.

I am hopeful that these letters of support will make a difference, as it is truly devastating to think that such a talented man cannot practice his profession and that so many women will be denied the opportunity to be served by this fine physician.

Sincerely,

Stacy G [REDACTED]

I have known Dr. Caputo for about 9 years now. I have known him to be a very kind, compassionate man. I had a hysterectomy 7 years ago and was very apprehensive about the procedure. Dr. Caputo took time out of his day the day before the surgery to see me and assure me that when it came to laparoscopic procedures he was very good at what he does. Truer words were never spoken. I came through it very well and with virtually no pain. My daughter also chose to see him after a particularly brutal c- section and 2 week hospital stay after having her first child. The doctor that did her c-section was at the time practicing at Crouse Hospital and was a complete nightmare. I understand that this particular doctor went on to cause the demise of another patient. She is still practicing in Massena NY. What has been done to Dr. Caputo is nothing short of a crime. He has an exemplary record and none of what has happened to him stemmed from patient complaints. I am also an R.N and I find the contempt and suffering he has gone through to be completely unconscionable. It is time we stood up for the good doctors out there practicing. If this could happen to him it could happen to any good physician out there. Folks we need to think about this long and hard and decide if we want outstanding medical care in our community or mediocre or for that matter dangerous care. The Hippocratic oath states, "first do no harm". As far as I'm concerned Dr. Caputo has never harmed anyone. I for one would be so grateful to see him practicing in his office again. I miss the outstanding care my daughter and I received.

Christine E [REDACTED] R.N.

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. James Caputo of Syracuse, NY. He was my Dr. for the past 8 years. He delivered all four of our children. There is no Dr. in my mind that is as capable, talented, trustworthy, knowledgeable, and personable as Dr. Caputo. That is what makes him exceptional. His education and years of practice in Rochester and Syracuse has made him an excellent Dr. Every woman wants their experience w/ childbirth to be wonderful. Dr. Caputo is great about making the best out of all

situations. I had four very different births that I won't go into detail about, but as my Dr., he made it all perfect. He was gentle, caring, informative and would go all out for any of his patients and their spouses.

My only hope for Dr. Caputo is that he is able to practice in Syracuse and continue his life that he always wanted. I also hope that when this horrible scenario is ended that he gets a major public apology from the hospital as well as the Dr's that began this horrible scene for him.

I wish Dr. Caputo all the best in whatever life brings to him and his wonderful family.

Sincerely,

Kimberly and Charles V ■

I am writing to support Dr. Caputo. Every day, when I look into the faces of my children, I am awed by the miracle that is life, and the miracle that was helped along by this kind and wonderful Doctor.

I had an extremely rough pregnancy. This was my second pregnancy, and I had been told that I probably will never conceive again. So I went looking for a different doctor, I found Dr. Caputo, a gift from God. I developed gestational diabetes. It was necessary for me to call in my blood sugar levels to Dr. Caputo each day, and he responded, each day, to tell me if my insulin needed adjusting, and to basically ask how I was. He took a vacation, (well deserved) and during his vacation, he called to check on me! I have never heard of a doctor who was that devoted! My son is now almost 8. Dr. Caputo was with me the entire time. He was not the least put off, when he would have to repeat the same information to my parents, who were anxious, because their baby was having a baby. He treated all of us with respect, and patience.

My daughter will be 5 on Monday. Dr. Caputo also delivered her. That pregnancy was much better, although I still did need insulin, it was not as frantic a situation as with my son. No one wants to hear the details of the two labor and deliveries that I experienced with Dr. Caputo, but I can assure everyone, that he is the best. I have had a previous delivery, and have been there for several friends, none can compare with Dr. Caputo. My mom is also now a patient of Dr. Caputo's.

I think a grave injustice has been done, not only to Dr. Caputo, but to all the woman out there who need his services. There is not one other ob-gyn out there that can match his caring and quality of service. I wish that all of the people that have dragged him into this mess would have let each and every one of us testify on his behalf. It would have taken years!!!

It is always the inferior that attack the best of the best. Dr. Caputo was working for us, by not accepting a lower quality of care. I will eternally be in his debt.

I am sickened that there are people out there that will take a good doctor and attack him for no other reason than that he questioned the system. I will lend all the support that I can to help the good Doctor through this, I wish that there was more that I could do.

Sincerely,

Lisa G ■

I am writing in support of Dr. Caputo. I had been a patient of Dr. Caputo's for about 6-7 years. I came to Dr. Caputo from a Dr. who had previously treated me that I was not happy with. I was referred to Dr. Caputo by a close friend of mine, and was very happy with the switch I had made.

While being treated previously, I was diagnosed with having mild to moderate dysplasia. This previous Dr. stated that surgery was not necessary, and that it would either go away or get worse. I was not comfortable with what he had told me seeing that I had never had a pap smear that was abnormal since I started being checked at the age of 17. Dysplasia of the cervix is a condition that is considered to be a precancerous condition. Left untreated, dysplasia sometimes progresses to an early form of cancer known as cervical carcinoma in situ, and eventually to invasive cervical cancer. The Dr. that I had previously had had advised me that surgery was not necessary, and come to find out this Dr. happens to be a name that Dr. Caputo has mentioned in this battle he has come to face. Learning this I was completely disgusted. Had I stayed with this Dr. I can only imagine what I would have encountered as I got older. I was so glad that my close friend referred me to him. My personal history may not be severe, but I totally and completely put all trust in this Dr. for these last 6-7 years. I believe him to be one of the best dr's that I have ever had and am deeply saddened by what is happening to this man. It's very hard to find a Dr who you can be comfortable with and feel like you can trust this person knowing that what he is telling you is correct, and also educating you in the process so that you understand everything that is being told to you. I had worked in a Dr's office myself for 9 years, and I have seen great care, but also bad care.

I am now at the age of 33, and am 31 weeks along in my 1st pregnancy and was devastated by the fact that I was forced to switch Dr's in the middle of my pregnancy. I was comfortable with this Dr. and being that this experience my first, nervous, not knowing what to expect, he had made me feel much better and at ease when I had asked questions in my last visits that I had with him. He had delivered my niece in January of 2007, and my mother could not say enough how truly wonderful he was with my sister. She felt that my sister was in great hands, and loved this Dr. as well.

The turmoil that this Dr. has been put thru, along with his family is truly horrible. I feel a great loss of this Dr. not only to myself but to our community as well.

Erin F. [REDACTED]

Hi, My name is Michelle A. [REDACTED] I am writing to support Dr. Caputo. I am very sickened by all this. Why a good man and a great doctor is being punished and having his life taken away from him. These people that are doing this to him should be ashamed of themselves. How do they sleep at night? I have met a lot more doctors that deserve this but no way should Dr. Caputo go through this.

This is my story: I met Dr. Caputo in July 2003 after Dr. Chick could no longer help me. See since I met my husband in 1999 we were trying to conceive. I was seeing another doctor up until 2003 when I transferred to Dr. Chick he diagnosed me with PCOS but still couldn't help me. He said Dr. Caputo knew more. So I met him and he explained every thing to me with diagrams in his office and explained it in a way that I would understand (not with big words). He told me it would be a long process but to not give up hope. I and my husband went thru numerous tests and drugs. I tried every fertility drug there was then I was told I had to give myself shots. I had to go pick this prescription up and my insurance would not cover it, so I called Dr. Caputo's office and he called my insurance office and got them to approve this prescription. I have never seen a doctor go out of his way like that. Then finally this fertility drug worked and in Feb 2004 I was pregnant. I can't explain the feeling. It was the happiest moment of my life. Dr. Caputo was happy for us and explained everything what might happen and what I have to do.

In July 2004 Dr. Caputo pulled me out of work because of high blood pressure and told me to rest and enjoy my pregnancy but my disability insurance would not let me, so once again after talking with the disability insurance they approved me to stay home. Again what doctor does that for his patients?

Finally in October 2004 I had to be induced 3 weeks early for toxemia. I had to have an emergency c-section and I felt like I was going to die. My son was stuck in my pelvic region. Dr. Caputo knew exactly what he was doing never got nervous and even calmed me down with humor. He saved mine and my son's life that day. I never could have done it with another doctor.

Then in the hospital I became very weepy, he would come and check on me and sit on my bed and talk to me until I stopped crying. Afterward at home I had post partum depression really bad for about 6months. Then me and my husband were having some problems due to my depression and I had a follow up visit with Dr. Caputo and he looked at my and asked what was wrong. He was the first person I told my problems to about what was going on. Once again what doctor do you feel you can talk to and trust?

To this day I feel Dr. Caputo has saved my life in a different way. I am very depressed cause since this I and my husband have separated. Sometimes I find it hard to get out of bed but I have my miracle who is now almost 4. My son is what keeps me going and if I never met Dr. Caputo and all the stuff I just explained to what he did for me I would never have my son today. He always went out of his way to help me and it sounds like he did the same for others. I am having some more problems associated with my PCOS and I wish Dr. Caputo could be helping me, because I'm scared right now and I know he would calm me down and help me. His staff was also excellent too.

Thank You for giving me this opportunity to help Dr. Caputo. I will be there to help if he needs it.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. [REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you in support of Dr. James Caputo. I became a patient of his in August of 2007. I can assure you that in that time I have never seen Dr. Caputo exhibit any behavior that could be constituted as unprofessional or incompetent. In fact even at the end of my pregnancy I drove all the way from Oswego in the snow to be treated at his office weekly. During my pregnancy he caught a complication, and was able to induce and deliver my son. I truly believe that if he had not caught this complication I would not have a beautiful little boy.

I strongly urge you to look into the charges brought against Dr. Caputo by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct. Dr. Caputo has earned the support not only of his colleagues but also from the families mentioned in the charges. Not to mention the support of his patients who now find themselves trying to replace the quality care that he provided. The lack of good judgment exercised by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct is unacceptable.

Again I respectfully ask for your intervention in this matter. I am confident you will find that Dr. Caputo is not worthy of the punishment bestowed upon him.

Thank you,

I am writing this letter in support of an absolutely wonderful Doctor. I have been a patient of Doctor James Caputo for 8 years now. If it weren't for this man, I would not have my beautiful son or my wonderful mother.

My mother had gone to just about every doctor imaginable to find out what was wrong with her and why she was in constant pain and agony. No-one could figure it out. It was a very long time. That was until she went to Dr. Caputo. He found that her left ligament that attaches to the ovary was bending in half and cutting off the blood supply. He then told her she needed to have surgery to cut a piece of the ligament out to shorten it and then reattach it. The surgery went wonderfully well. She later found out she had a problem with her cervix and had to go in for weekly treatments. The problem is gone and now and she is doing great!!!! Then again in December of 2006 he did her hysterectomy. When he went in to do that he found that her bowel was attached to the uterus. He had to correct that before he could perform the hysterectomy. That is just to name a few things. If it were not for Dr. Caputo, My mother probably wouldn't be here today. I thank god for this man everyday.

He also delivered my son. I had a very rough pregnancy. Before my 2nd trimester even started my cervix was thinning way to fast. He put me on a medication to prevent it. I had problems all throughout my pregnancy. I had to go in once a week for a sonogram, and also once a week for him to hook me up to a machine called a Fetal Doppler. My son had a very irregular heartbeat. Dr. Caputo made sure I felt comfortable and made sure that my son was safe throughout my entire pregnancy. He monitored me and my son on a weekly basis for 9 months. He delivered my healthy beautiful baby boy on May 3rd, 2003. He was upbeat, enthusiastic and unbelievably compassionate!!!!

I am appalled at the way he has been treated and the way his reputation has been tainted!!!! Shame on those of you who have railroaded this wonderful and compassionate man. I would also like to add, I will NEVER again go to Crouse hospital. They should be Ashamed of themselves. I am utterly disgusted with the way they have tainted his credibility, talent and compassion. Dr. Caputo is a very knowledgeable, trustworthy doctor. I trust Dr. Caputo with my life and the life of those I love dearly.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help!

Sincerely,

Michele K [REDACTED]

Liverpool, NY

Apparently Crouse Hospital is using my pregnancy and delivery against Dr. Caputo. I had a horrible delivery; however, I do not blame Dr. Caputo. I blamed CIM and the resident doctors/nurses on call that night. It was news to me that my case has been thrown against him. When I walked in last night there were probably 10 people who had my medical records in front of them. Hello, isn't that a HIPPA violation? I never gave consent for anyone to use or see my personal medical records. I was floored last night when I noticed that.

Not sure if what I said helped, but I sure did put up a fight against their team of doctors and nurses that supposedly are there for my care! Which I feel I never got!

Tracy P [REDACTED]

I have been to many GYN's and have had 4 children none delivered by Dr. Caputo. If I could do this all over again he would have been my first and only GYN!!! I have been a patient of his for about 6 months and have NEVER been more comfortable. Dr. Caputo made me so comfortable the first time I met with him and every time after that. Recently I had some problems and was very ill for a few months. I contacted his office because he was referred to me by numerous friends and he took me right in. I had to have a total hysterectomy and now I have never felt better and have him to thank for this!!!! I hope he will someday soon be able to practice close by so I can continue my care with him. I am not looking forward to looking for another GYN because I don't think there is anyone out there as kind, caring and compassionate as Dr. Caputo. I wish him nothing but the best and pray for him every day!!!

Kimberly T [REDACTED]

I am writing in support of Dr. James Caputo. I am extremely upset by what has happened to him. I was a patient of his for over four years. I had the most positive childbirth experience. Dr. Caputo did use forceps to deliver my 9 lb. 5 oz. baby boy. I believe most doctors would have wanted to perform a c-section or an episiotomy to deliver my son to speed the process along. My mother-in-law was present at my delivery. She was so impressed with Dr. Caputo that she became a patient as well. After that, I referred three more of my friends who all became patients. Two of which had babies that were delivered by Dr. Caputo. I have read all the information on The Good Life Centre's website and what stands out the most to me is that the patients who are being named in this case are actually siding with Dr. Caputo. If that isn't enough for the board, I don't know what else is. I truly hope something can be done and Dr. Caputo can practice again. I would go back to him immediately.

Sincerely,

Kimberly C [REDACTED]

My husband and I met Dr. Caputo in the Spring of 2005. We were married in the fall of 2004 and had been trying to get pregnant since the honeymoon. Needless to say, we were both frustrated and couldn't understand why we weren't successful (since my twin sister was the fertility queen with five kids). I was recommended highly to Dr. Caputo by friends and family. I felt completely comfortable the first time I met him. He was patient and understanding as I explained my history, but he was also upbeat and confident he could help. We did a simple sonogram and found that I had an abnormality with my uterus that didn't allow me to get pregnant. Of course I was very upset, but he assured me that a couple procedures would do the trick. Sure enough, we were pregnant by the fall of 2005. We have adorable, active, two year old boy now, who is just the absolute light of our lives. He is in the 95th and 90th percentile for height and weight, respectively; sure to be a football player like his father! We are currently discussing a second child and are hesitant because I want Dr. Caputo to be my doctor. I am not

sure I can trust another doctor the way I completely trusted him. We are actually leaning towards not having a second child because he is not available to treat me. We can't say enough how much we love Dr. Caputo and pray for him everyday. Dr. Caputo, please open another practice when you are able and ready, and I would be honored to have you deliver our second blessing from God! We miss you and love you!

Marc, Carol & Julian J [REDACTED]

My name is Josephine G [REDACTED] and I don't know where to start.

Putting aside my own experience with ob/gyns in the Utica area, I want to address what Dr. Caputo has done for and meant to our family. I live in Utica, NY and besides myself, my two daughters, nieces, sister-in-law, friends and neighbors, we all became patients of Dr. Caputo approximately 6 years ago when a local doctor killed my daughter's first child and our first grandchild through misuse of forceps. My daughter labored only 2 hours - not long for a first-time pregnancy - he was in a hurry and ripped that baby from her body crushing her skull and ripping her ears from her. A C-section would have taken too long you see. He was going on vacation.

To make a long story short - he was found guilty by the State of NY but continues to practice - which only proves the unfairness of this process.

During the entire time that our precious baby was in the NICU at Crouse, Dr. Caputo stood by our daughter and son-in-law's side as well as ours. She was not his patient. We truly believe that Dr. Caputo was lead to us by God. When Erin became pregnant again, Dr. Caputo compassionately and lovingly cared for her as if she were his own sister. We were all very nervous - and for good reason - and Dr. Caputo understood the late-night phone calls, the tears and the frustrations of all of us.

I am going to be 58 years old soon. I have been to many ob/gyns because of a specific problem I have lived with for the past 20 years. I can tell you from experience, that Dr. Caputo is a rare treasure in the community of physicians. My present doctor cannot compare to him and as soon as Dr. Caputo opens his practice, I will be back to him.

God bless him and his family.

Josephine G [REDACTED]

I am writing this to give my complete support to Dr. Caputo. This man has been a Godsend to my husband and I. There truly are no words to say how we feel about what is being done to him other than to say we are sickened by what has happened. In 2002 while pregnant with our first child I was rushed to Crouse from New Hartford in preterm labor at 31 weeks. Dr. Caputo who is a friend of my brother-in-law and came to check on us at the hospital, up until that day I had never even met him. He came every single day even though I was not under his care. Then four weeks later, after being discharged and released back to my original doctor in New Hartford, I gave birth to our daughter. During her birth my obgyn at the time used forceps incorrectly thereby causing such severe brain damage and loss of blood that she was

kept alive on a ventilator. Again, still not as my doctor, he came to visit us every single day of the five days she was with us. Upon our discharge we were given all of his contact information should we need him. Shortly thereafter I made one of the best decisions I ever have, to become his patient. The time that followed brought a miscarriage at 10 weeks. I cannot say how much his compassion helped get us through that. Had we gone to any other doctor I don't think we would of faired nearly as well as we did. He performed my D&C during his only available time - his lunch. He sent over a nurse (who also happened to be the nurse who discharged me after our daughter died) to be with us while we waited to go in. He held our hand through the months of trying both before our miscarriage and after until we conceived our son. That pregnancy was an emotional rollercoaster for us. There is no other doctor that would of been nearly as compassionate, understanding or supportive of us. He kept our son safely inside me for my entire pregnancy and was always available to us. There are no words to properly thank him for bringing our son into this world and helping to heal our hearts. He has been there for us every step of the way over the past 6 years. There is absolutely no other doctor I want to deliver our children. I can't even get into the emotions we have over the fact that one of the cases against Dr. Caputo involves a forceps delivery in which those forceps did no harm to the baby when the doctor who killed our daughter still practices. I have had many words with the state of NY in support of Dr. Caputo giving our situation as an example. I can only hope that someone with authority takes the time to read these letters and see what an injustice is being done to Dr. Caputo, his family and his patients that need him.

Erin V ■ P ■

Whitesboro, NY

Dr. Caputo has known me since I was 13 years old. He became my mother's doctor in 2000 after she left a doctor that caused her to lose a child in 1998. Due to my mother's age and health she was labeled as high risk. With her being on close watch, we practically lived in his office. I attended all appointments with my mother. Through that process, Dr. Caputo did everything to keep us informed about what was going on. He broke down information so that I could even understand. He spoke to me about being a pediatrician (what I wanted to become at that time). He didn't mind the thousand questions that I always asked. He was very welcoming. At of my mother's normal check ups we found out that she had developed a severe case of pre-eclampsia. Her blood pressure was so high that he was surprised that she was even able to stand. He wanted her rushed to the hospital via ambulance. She refused because she felt that she was fine. When we got to the hospital, Dr. Caputo was there ready and waiting. Long story short, my baby brother was delivered by c-section with no complications or health risks. But even though the baby was now safe, it didn't mean that my mother was. Her body was swollen to about three times her normal size. She started getting bed sores (not because of anything to do with Dr. Caputo, but because of the lack of care from the nurses). She even began to hallucinate. I even had to sit and watch my mom practically lose her life. Due to the wonderful care of Dr. Caputo, I still felt comfortable through this whole ordeal. Finally after four weeks my mom was allowed to come home. She is now known as the "Queen of Pre-eclampsia", because he has never seen a case as bad as hers.

This was not the only time Dr. Caputo saved my mother's life. My mom was in the hospital for severe pain and shortness of breath. The doctor whose care she was under at the time had not yet told us what was going on. Dr. Caputo came into my mom's room just because he noticed her name while he was

doing his rounds. After hearing what was going on, he gave her the instrument used to help you breath deeper. (please excuse my lack of terminology) We later found out that she had blood clots in her renal vein and also in her lung. We were told that her lung did collapse and that the only thing that kept her breathing and all of her tissues getting oxygen was the breathing apparatus given to her by Dr. Caputo. I owe my mother's life to Dr. Caputo. That's not all I owe him.

I have endometriosis and polycystic ovarian disease. In 2006, I became extremely ill. I would vomit anything I ingested. I became very weak and pale from the lack of nourishment. Once I noticed this was not just some stomach bug I went to the ER. They found a dermoid cyst on my right ovary. At my follow up appointment with Dr. Caputo, he instructed me that we would have to do surgery to remove it. He also stated that he was surprised that my ovary had not twisted due to the size of the cyst. The cyst was the size of a grapefruit. He also told me that my chances of being able to save the ovary was very slim. This was a great concern for me. After waking up from my surgery, Dr. Caputo came in to tell me how everything went. He asked me was I having pain in my right side. I told him yes but my primary doctor couldn't figure out why. He told me that there was scar tissue underneath my ribs. He said he was able to remove it during the surgery. Then he told me that he was able to save my ovary. I was so happy. He was able to go in, remove scar tissue, remove my cyst and keep my ovary.

I feel like I am indebted to Dr. Caputo. He saved my mother's life, managed to deliver my brother and my daughter (in perfect health), and I still have two ovaries.

Dr. Caputo was put in our lives by God. He is truly the guardian angel of our life.

Rosia K [REDACTED] (patient for eight years)
