

## ***A letter to Loma Linda***

*The following is an excerpt from a letter written by former patient Bob Marckini to B. Lyn Behrens, MBBS, president and CEO of Loma Linda University Medical Center.*

Dear Dr. Behrens:

I have just experienced a life-changing event. On December 21, 2000, I completed my proton beam treatment (PBT) at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Two months of exhaustive research led me to LLUMC and to a prostate cancer treatment modality that I believe saved my life. I had read much about PBT, so there were not many surprises with the systems and treatment once it began on October 26.

What did come as a pleasant surprise was the extraordinary compassion, care, concern, and professionalism I experienced and observed while undergoing my treatment.

I am 57 years old and have traveled the world as a senior executive for a Fortune 100 company. I have met people in the service professions, including the medical profession, in many parts of the world.

Never have I experienced anything remotely close to the kind of treatment I received at LLUMC over the past two months.

There is something mystical—if not magical—going on at LLUMC. Something very special and indeed, very spiritual, is going on there. It all begins with the people, and not just with the medical staff. It includes the finance, administration, social workers, receptionists, and others.

Patients at LLUMC get the feeling that everyone sincerely cares about them. People there appear to be dedicated to doing their absolute best to treat the whole patient.

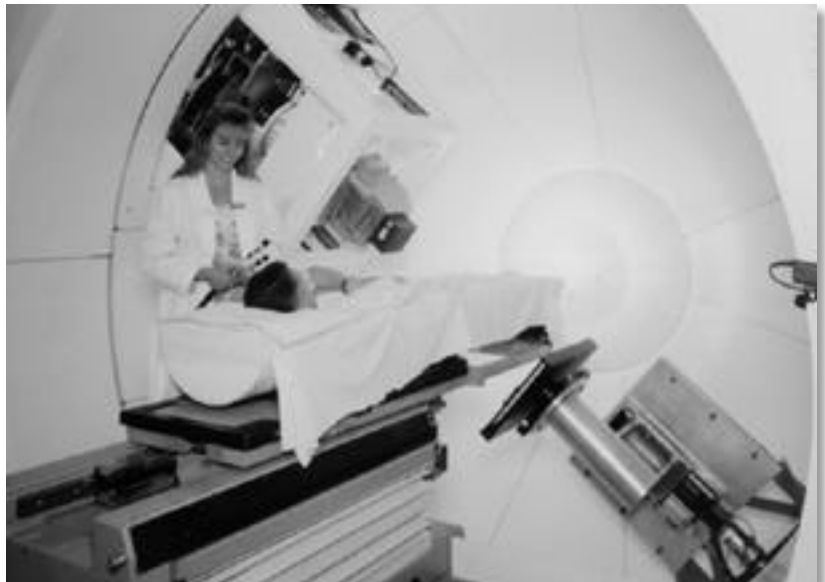
All this, in my opinion, reflects on the management and administration of this outstanding institution.

God bless you, your staff, and the wonderful people at LLUMC for the exemplary work you are doing to set the world standard for medical excellence and care.

I know I speak for the other patients who were treated along with me in expressing our sincere thanks and gratitude for the exceptional work that was done on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Bob Marckini  
proton beam therapy patient



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