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Dr. Lewis M. Overton,
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Dear Dr. Overton:-

First, do you want me to keep on with the hormone pills? I finished the 21 last week with the same result, only less so. I think perhaps that 20 might be the right number for me. Will I need another prescription for these? I have, I think five left.

Last week I produced a sort of boil under my right arm. I went down to see Dr. Kosicki and fixed me up for the moment. He wants me to try the Canadian crutches. I will try, but I doubt if I can walk with those, at least until I lose a lot more pounds. I know I do lean on my crutches too much, but I just don't seem to be able to do a lot of things with doing this. I asked Dr. Kosicki what he thought of my having the operation. His answer was that I have two counts against me to start, my weight and my age. I am doing something about the one, but I don't know how I can do anything about the other! However, this does not deter me at all and I rely on your opinion. He also wanted to give me an injection of cortisone. As he was going on a two-week vacation he wanted to do it right away, but I hedged until I had talked to you about this. I have talked to Mrs. Andrews here in Santa Fe who is, I believe a patient of both of you. She gave me a very good explanation over all that is involved. She also told me she had had several injections before her operation. Do you think one would tide me over until I am down to an operable weight? I do not want to offend Dr. Kosicki whom I like very much and who has been most kind to me, but at the same time I would rather you did this. This leaves me very much on the spot.

I can come down again anytime you want to see me. I can drive alright once I am in my car, and it is an easy drive right to the clinic. If you wish to talk to me I put my phone number below. Call me any time and reverse the charge. I am doing all the work I can do. I not only want to but must do, as my resources are slim.

Very sincerely yours,