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Candidate: [REDACTED]

CaRMS ID: [REDACTED]

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NB.

- i. Candidate has waived his right to see this letter;
- ii. Due to COVID-related restrictions, clinic encounters during the elective consisted of an **in-person to virtual** appointment ratio of **70:30**;
- iii. All patient interactions were monitored by preceptors directly or via CCTV.

It is with great pleasure that I write this reference letter for Dr. [REDACTED], who completed a four-week elective under my supervision between January 4th to Jan 29th, 2021.

Demographics

I am a family physician and an instructor in the *Department of Family & Community Medicine* at the University of Toronto. My general practice is located in the Atkinson Medical Centre, based in Vaughan, Ontario, Canada. The Centre provides urgent & continuing care to over 5000 patients of varied demographics, including: pediatric, adult, geriatric, psychiatric and obstetric patients.

Elective details

Our Family Medicine elective is a clinically comprehensive and academically demanding experience formatted at a PGY1/Internship training level. Upon completing a mandatory medicolegal / HIPAA orientation, visiting elective students are expected to (independently) elicit patient histories, perform focused physicals, develop management plans based on their differentials and then appropriately document encounters in our EMR (Oscar/Indivica). Students then present their patients to their designated preceptor who provides ongoing feedback, didactics and instruction. Students receive procedural training (injections, splinting, biopsy...etc) using the "see one, do one, teach one" method. Students also spend time with our clinic nurse, dietician, pharmacy team, and have the option of attending offsite interdisciplinary consults (eg. observing a clinic patient during their cardiology

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appointment, stress test or respirology consult, PFTs... Etc). Scholarly activities include daily reading around patients, research/critical appraisal assignments, preparation/delivery of a PowerPoint presentation and an exit shelf exam.

Clinical

█████ exhibited professionalism and maintained an excellent rapport with patients as well as staff. I received positive feedback from the cardiologist and pharmacist preceptors he worked with and our RN was happy to have █████ assist her on a permanent basis! He was eager, punctual and hardworking. He asked for constructive criticism and implemented recommendations quickly.

█████ was comfortable performing various procedural skills (which included: vaccinations, suture removals, ear syringing, upper limb splinting and shave biopsies). He provided a thorough discussion of inherent risks during the consenting process and was quite competent addressing patient concerns. His H&P/SOAP notes were thorough, and he had no difficulty navigating our EMR system.

He further demonstrated a high level of evidence-based clinical knowledge and he was able to develop and justify differentials and management plans. Of note, it was quite clear to me that █████ rarely entered a room without first reading through patient charts and reviewing any relevant evidence or guidelines. He approached each patient in a comprehensive manner, addressed their emotional, psychological and physical issues in the context of their social circumstances and, ultimately, made them feel heard, understood and important.

Academics

█████ completed his daily assignments (reading up on patient presentations, reviewing evidence-based guidelines and providing PGY1-level practice-reflection exercises) in a timely manner and with appropriate referencing. His PICO assignment included detailed MeSH terms and appropriate filters. His critical appraisal of a meta-analysis article (*Comparison of antibiotics with placebo for treatment of acute sinusitis: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials*) was well done and he was able to justify

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the study's relevance to clinical practice. His presentation titled: "Do probiotics improve IBS symptoms?" was evidence-based and practical. He also scored a 97% on our exit shelf exam (consisting of 13 Short Answer Management Problems).

Summary

As his main preceptor, I found [REDACTED] to be a very intelligent, pleasant, and empathetic individual who would complement any residency program or team. He takes feedback and instruction well, and his maturity, modesty and respectful nature will ensure **longevity** and **trainability** during post-graduate training. [REDACTED] easily ranks within the top 10 percent of students I have precepted.

I have encouraged [REDACTED] to pursue internal medicine with a public health focus due to his exceptional scholarship, his strong work ethic, and his genuine desire to advocate for his patients.

Best of luck on the Match!

Yours sincerely,



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Elective Statistics

ID: TK14073450

Training

Total IN CLINIC training hours: 145
Offsite training hours: 8
Cardiology: 6
Pharmacy: 2
Planned/Unplanned Absences: 1/0

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Lecture hours: 6
Procedural: 2

Academics

PICO: Greater trochanteric pain syndrome: a review of diagnosis and management in general practice (5/5, 100%)

Research appraisal: Comparison of antibiotics with placebo for treatment of acute sinusitis: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials (5/5, 100%)

Presentation: "Do probiotics improve IBS symptoms?" (4/5, 80%)

Shelf Exam: 55.25/57, 97% (2020 AVG: 87%)