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In Reply Refer To: Letter of Recommendation

January 10, 2017

Dear Admission Director and Esteemed Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application of Jeffery Datto PhD for medical school. I am an Advance Research Fellow currently in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit working at the Miami Veteran Healthcare System. I had graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX and attended PM&R residency in Syracuse, NY and finished clinical SCI fellowship training in Miami, FL. I have been working closely with Dr. Datto since July 2016 to January 2017. I have directly observed Dr. Datto in both the inpatient and outpatient clinical settings and I found him to demonstrate the essential qualities necessary for a medical physician.

Jeffery Datto is an exemplary intelligent individual who has repetitively demonstrated his commitment to improve and sharpen his medical knowledge during the past few months at the Miami VA while working full time at the Miami Project. Research at the Miami Project can be unpredictable and time consuming but Jeffery has shown that he fulfills his clinical expectations reliably and communicates when he has more opportunities to be with the patients. He is diligent and well prepared for his clinical tasks whether it be on the inpatient Spinal Cord Injury Unit or assisting me with wound care procedures. In the outpatient clinic, Dr. Datto is able to synthesize the clinically relevant issues within the patient's history and physical exam findings to accurately portray the patient's story in logical and concise manner that is pertinent to the scope of their clinic visit. For example, during one of our new SCI patient consult after surgical decompression and fixation, Dr. Datto was also able to demonstrate the patient also had an overlying distal symmetric polyneuropathy secondary from diabetes in addition to his cervical spondylotic myelopathy during the clinical exam. In addition, Jeffery remained empathetic to the patient's medical condition and engaged with him with warmth and respect. He has also demonstrated the same level of respect to other patients and VA staff members while rounding of the inpatient SCI Unit or in the clinic. Jeffery has also volunteered his time outside of the clinical setting to participate in community events related to Spinal Cord Injury Veterans, including canoeing with SCI veterans in the Everglades.

In summary, Dr. Datto is a hardworking and compassionate individual who is motivated to excel in the medical field. I am happy to give Jeffery Datto my highest recommendations. If you have any additional questions or require any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Charles Plumlee, MD

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