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Dear Medical School Admissions Committee:

This letter of recommendation is written on behalf of Mr. Jeffrey Datto. I supervised Jeff as an Attending preceptor during his Internal Medicine Clerkship in March 2003. At that time, Jeff was a third year medical student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA. Jeff was subsequently dismissed from Jefferson a year later. I have not worked with him since nor spoken with him. We have on occasion exchanged emails. As a result, this letter reflects only the time I spent time with Jeff at Christiana Care Health System...a teaching affiliate of Jefferson Medical College.

Due to the length of time since I have worked with Jeff, I have utilized the student evaluation summary that was completed at the end of the Clerkship (June 2003) to write this letter. The evaluation scale runs from no chance to observe to failure, marginal competence, good, excellent, honors. In regard to Professional Behavior, Jeff was felt to be in the GOOD range for integrity, altruism, interpersonal relationships, initiative and commitment to learning. He was rated as EXCELLENT for compassion. He was felt to be a sensitive student and his ability to handle professional situations was at an expected level. He enjoyed working with patients and was encouraged when they improved. In terms of Cognitive Skills, Jeff was rated as GOOD for synthesis/application abilities. His fund of knowledge was felt to be at the lower end of expected. In terms of Clinical Skills, Jeff was rated as GOOD for history and physical examinations, oral presentations, and documentation. Overall it was felt Jeff would benefit from further work with a dedicated resident or Attending.

Thank you for your understanding that my interaction with Jeff was over a decade ago. I am unable to comment about his performance more recently.

Sincerely,

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