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Dear Program Director:

This is a letter of recommendation for Jeffery Datto.

I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Datto during the Advanced Physical Diagnosis course at Jefferson Medical College in September, 2004. This is an elective course for fourth year student-physicians which is designed to allow students to evolve, refine and practice the clinical skills both basic and advanced requisite to the practice of medicine, in general and primary care medicine, in specific. The student-physician receives over the course of the month, over 100 hours of direct faculty teaching, coaching and mentoring. In addition, there are ample opportunities to examine, question and learn from standardized and real patients under the tutelage of the course faculty. As the course director, I spend 90% of the month teaching, rounding and observing these student-physicians, providing them with formative and then summative feedback on their approach and clinical skills for specific problems.

During this time, Dr. Datto performed quite well in virtually all course-related endeavors. His clinical skills in general and physical examination skills in specific are quite above the mean relative to his colleagues. In addition, he communicates well with patients and colleagues. Indeed, he was a pleasure with whom to work and mentor.

I believe that he has the skills requisite to become a fine physician and therefore, I endorse his application for a position in your residency program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

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