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Re: AAMC ID: [REDACTED]

Dear Program Director:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Jeffrey Datto.

My interactions with Jeffrey are based on a four week Internal Medicine Clerkship held at Christiana Care Health System in April and May 2003. During this time, I got to know Jeff better than most medical students. He and I met, in addition to our small group sessions, several times over to discuss his individual progress during the clerkship. In addition to this, however, I got to know Jeff as an individual who has a caring and compassionate attitude and someone who clearly enjoys interacting with patients on an ongoing basis.

The most impressive thing that I remember about Jeff is the fact that he obtained a great amount of joy from putting together both straightforward and difficult patient puzzles. He loved his daily patient interactions and this is where he shined during my observations and the observations of those who worked with him. Jeff is down to earth, has a good sense of humor, and enjoys the daily interactions of working with attending physicians, housestaff and ancillary staff. Jeff's knowledge base grew significantly during the time I spent with him. By the end of the rotation, I was glad to see he had a nice working differential diagnosis and treatment plan for each of the patients to whom he was assigned. Jeff is able to think on his feet, but at the same time is a critical thinker who does not jump to rash decisions or conclusions without considering all the alternatives.

In honor of his superior scholarship, Jeff is a recipient of a four-year NIH fellowship, a Foerderer Graduate School Fellowship, and also a recipient of a Gibbon Scholarship for his medical school years. Jeff has significant research experience and has been first author of several publications and a contributing author to several others, especially as this relates to neuroscience research. Jeff has also participated in various research projects at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and School of Public Health as well as Thomas Jefferson University.

I believe that Jeffrey Datto will be a valued member of your residency program and I recommend him highly to you and without reservation.

Jeffrey P. Datto has waived his right to see this letter of recommendation.

Sincerely,


Matthew J. Burday, D.O.
Director, Junior Clerkship Program

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