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**Re: Syed Ahsan, M.B.B.S.**

Dear Program Director:

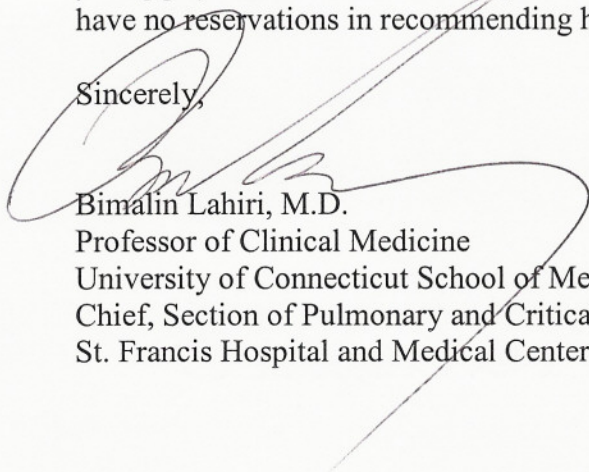
This letter of reference is being written in support of Doctor Syed Ahsan who is applying for a position in your residency program.

Doctor Ahsan is currently serving in the capacity of observer under my supervision and guidance in the Section of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine here at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Doctor Ahsan received his MBBS from Baqai Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. During his observership I had the opportunity to observe his intellectual capabilities and his personal qualities very closely. He approaches his work with great enthusiasm and has shown a significant interest in all aspects of medicine.

I found him to be dependable, reliable and prompt in his attendance to rounds and conferences. He demonstrated an eagerness to learn and his ability to interact with his team members and patients was very good. He attended daily rounds on the medical floors and attended x-ray conferences, pulmonary function study conferences, weekly pulmonary/critical care conferences and the Combined Medical/Surgical Chest Conference. During rounds and conferences he took an active part in discussions.

Doctor Ahsan has shown exceptional maturity and goes out of his way to help his team members. It is always a pleasure to work with such an intelligent and knowledgeable young physician. From the standpoint of competence, and moral and ethical character, I have no reservations in recommending him for a position.

Sincerely,



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