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Dear Medical residency program director,

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Tariq Ahsan who is applying to your residency program. Tariq participated in a 4 week observership (February of 2005) in our radiology department at Lewis-Gale Medical Center which is associated with the newly accredited school of medicine at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia.

During the radiology observership, Tariq worked closely with me and our nursing staff and technologists. The radiology department performs over 400 examinations a day which includes plain films, ultrasound, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and interventional radiology. Our interventional radiology department is unique in that numerous spine interventions are performed here, including vertebroplasty.

Tariq is an exceptionally bright and motivated student. He is a conscientious student who not only demonstrated an encyclopedic knowledge of medicine but also displayed a pragmatic approach to application of clinical knowledge. Tariq was very interested in understanding the appropriate use of imaging as it is applied to a medical practice. Tariq is an industrious student and an avid learner and it was clear that he spent much of his time after hours reading relevant medical and radiological literature.

Tariq also demonstrated a very polite demeanor and was liked immediately by the staff. He was eager to ask question ambitiously but respectfully. His communication skills were excellent which was surprising to me at first, considering that English is only one of his languages. Tariq was particularly interested in those aspects of Radiology that involve more patient contact such as image-guided pain management. He was very empathic to patients and families and pleasantly surprised to see this patient management aspect of Radiology.

In summary, I highly recommend Tariq Ahsan to your residency program. With his excellent fund of knowledge and exceptional industriousness, Tariq will be an outstanding asset to any residency program.

Sincerely,

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