

Re: Letter of good-standing for Mr. Martin Palkovsky

It was a pleasure teaching Mr. Martin Palkovsky during the four-week elective in Brooklyn Cancer Care affiliated with Kingsbrook Jewish Medical center and NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. As a specialist in Oncology and Hematology who practices in multiple hospitals and a private clinic, I value an individual's motivation, ability to apply knowledge in practice, and how well they interact with patients and colleagues. Martin would make a very effective Ph.D. student as I have witnessed during his rotation.

His responsibilities were taking history and physicals, reviewing test results and documenting in the EMR. Further, SOAP notes were written up and treatment plans were discussed with me. In these moments, I was very much impressed by his medical knowledge, professionalism and his dedication to patients. During his rotation, Martin demonstrated profound knowledge of current clinical trials as well as of contemporary treatment management of oncologic and hematologic diseases.

Martin was lucky to had been exposed to numerous cases of multiple myeloma. At the end of his rotation, he presented a complex case study of one of his patients. He showed determination in understanding of all the currently used treatment modalities and also suggested how investigation of microenvironment and multiple myeloma/bone marrow cells interaction could help us to understand why in certain cases a patient is refractory to their treatment.

His second noteworthy characteristic was evident in a case of a male presented with an anemic syndrome. Martin further probed beyond and discovered patient's difficulty urinating. His further physical examination and laboratory tests indicated the prostate carcinoma, which was consequently confirmed by a biopsy. We discussed about its etiology and management and concluded a plan for the patient. He was one of the students who would put the extra effort adding to his existing passion.

Martin was very respectful to the nursing staff and patients. He consistently dressed professionally, groomed well, and carried himself in a pleasant manner. I whole heartedly wish Martin Palkovsky achieves his highest aspirations in his future career. I am sure that he will do an excellent job in the area of designated responsibility and will be an outstanding addition to your institution as he was in mine while in his Hem/Onc rotation.

Sincerely,

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