

Medical Dermatology Mentorship Program Summary

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Dear Medical Dermatology Society,

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for your generosity in sponsoring a month-long elective with Dr. Abrar Qureshi at Brigham & Women's Hospital (BWH), Harvard Medical School. Dr. Qureshi is an excellent mentor who I thoroughly enjoyed working with throughout the month, and with whom I have continued to work with long after my time in Boston came to a completion.

When I arrived at BWH, my entire schedule had been thoroughly planned and tailored to my interests. My time was divided between interdisciplinary dermatology-rheumatology clinics at BWH and cutaneous oncology clinics at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, giving me the opportunity to see a high-volume of patients and diversity of disease including psoriasis, vesiculobullous and connective tissue disease, and a wide spectrum of cutaneous lymphoma.

In addition to a strong clinical foundation during my elective, Dr. Qureshi and I had weekly meetings to integrate my research interests with my clinical and academic goals. Through his and Dr. Ruth Ann Vleugels' guidance, I completed a research study which was presented at the Medical Dermatology Society's Annual meeting at the American Academy of Dermatology in February 2011, and is in consideration for publication at the present time. I have also co-authored a second study with Dr. Qureshi during that time which has been accepted for publication.

I am grateful to Dr. Qureshi and his colleagues for wholeheartedly welcoming me into their institution, outpatient clinics, inpatient consult rounds, and weekly didactics and conferences. I pass on my highest recommendation of working with Dr. Qureshi to those interested in a career in medical dermatology. I look forward to a continuing mentorship and collaboration with Dr. Qureshi throughout my career.

Best regards,

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