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RE: Hospital Medical Officer – PGY2

Dear Erika Velez,

I would be honoured to work and learn at the BRHS. I am an Australian citizen, have passed the AMC Part 1 (MCQ) exam and the OET English exam, which enables me to obtain limited registration by AHPRA.

I firmly believe I am an ideal candidate for the role based on my over 15 years of experience in Brazil as an Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care Unit doctor. Throughout my professional career, from my residency in cardiovascular surgery to being an ICU doctor at the height of the covid-19 pandemic in the second worst affected country in the world, my work shows my profound commitment to patient care, expertise in a wide range of procedures and comfort in working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders during challenging contexts.

During my cardiovascular surgery residency, I was supervised by the world-renowned Professor Domingo M. Braile (MD) (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7299593/>), and learned under careful supervision an array of procedures relevant for intensive care and emergency medicine, including: airway management, central vein line and pacemaker implantation, amongst many other procedures and treatments for both acute and chronic disease. Throughout and beyond my residency, I have further developed organisational skills, attention to detail and independence, all needed to successfully complete an intense, high-volume program on cardiovascular surgery.

I have worked in a large variety of hospitals from secondary regional hospitals, the largest hospital specialising on oncological diseases in Latin America, ICESP, to both private and public hospitals during the height of the SARS-COV-2 pandemic. As an emergency medicine registrar and intensive care registrar in an array of hospitals, I had to adapt to rapid changes once the covid-19 pandemic arrived, while taking care of dozens of beds and being this whole time away from my family, all of whom were in Australia. It took a lot of resilience and empathy for patients for me to persevere for roughly two years in these conditions. However, my deep commitment to patients kept me energised through it all, even though my life was often on the line as I directly performed the most high-risk procedures on covid-19 patients in the ED and ICU departments such as intubation. Moreover, while I continued teaching and supervising junior doctors, I also collaborated and provided guidance to numerous medical staff from different hospitals and medical professionals not commonly working in the ED and ICU, who were helping the hospitals treat an unprecedented number of patients. Overall, my actions during the pandemic showed my initiative, resilience, effective collaboration and profound commitment to patient wellbeing.

I look forward to the exciting learning opportunities BRHS will provide me. I am sure it will not only refresh my knowledge but also be an excellent introduction to the Australian medical system.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Deva Subasic de Azevedo