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F32 Award Committee

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institutes of Health

Dear Committee,

I am excited to serve as a reference for Dr. Anish Shah in his application for an F32 award. I know Anish well, having met him in 2016 as his clinic supervisor during his internal medicine residency. I have seen his exponential growth as a clinician and witnessed first-hand his enthusiasm for a career as a clinical investigator. He has my highest recommendation as a candidate for further postdoctoral fellowship training through the F32 award.

I am a board-certified Internal Medicine physician with a primary position at Grady Memorial Hospital through Emory University, and serve as a teaching attending and clinic supervisor. As his supervisor, I worked with Anish on a weekly basis from 2016 to 2019 as he took care of his primary clinic patients at Grady Primary Care Center, which serves as a resident-run training clinic. I have seen him transition from an intern to a senior resident, and his clinical development has been phenomenal. The attributes that are most remarkable are the compassion and enthusiasm that he brings to his work daily. The best reflection of his clinical aptitude is his patients’ perception – routinely they will report how much they trust him as their doctor. I think this highlights his genuine and authentic nature, which allows him to build alliances and collaborations with patients and colleague with such ease. More so, I consider his work ethic to be remarkable. On a weekly basis, he ensures that not only are his own patients are seen, but that of his colleagues. More than dedication, I think this reflects his team-oriented focus. These examples showcase not only clinical competence and skills, but innate characteristics that I believe will make him successful in both academia and clinical medicine.

His enthusiasm for his research is contagious. On a weekly basis, he will bring up a technique or skill, from biostatistics to his interest in autonomic dysfunction, as a correlate to a clinical finding in his patients. I am a strong advocate for him no matter what path he chooses, but his passion for following a research career makes it clear what his trajectory will be. He is meant to be an academic physician, and I think pursuing further training with the F32 award will be the step needed to become an independent clinical investigator.

I write to convey my overwhelming support for Anish. His most promising characteristics – perseverance, enthusiasm, dedication, team-player – are not only what makes him an outstanding clinician, but are the basis for what will make him a successful researcher. I am excited to see his career unfold.

Sincerely,

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