**Omar Javed Baqal, MBBS**

**Assistant Professor of Medicine** – Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

**Cardiovascular Medicine Fellow** – Mayo Clinic, Arizona (2024–Present)

**Work Experience & Academic Roles**

* **Assistant Professor of Medicine** – Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (**Aug 2024–Present**)
* **Cardiovascular Medicine Fellow** – Mayo Clinic, Arizona (**July 2024–Present, Ongoing**)
* **Internal Medicine Resident Physician** – Mayo Clinic, Arizona (**July 2021–June 2024**)
* **Editor-at-Large (Cardiology)** – MedCentral (**Oct 2023–Present**)
* **Mentor, American College of Cardiology (ACC) Fellowship Program** – Mayo Clinic (**2023–2024**)
* **Chair, Resident Committee** – American College of Physicians (Arizona Chapter) (**Jan 2022–June 2024**)
* **Mentor, Residency Success Program** – Mayo Clinic (**May 2022–Aug 2023**)
* **BLS Course Instructor** – American Heart Association (**2017–2020**)

**Education & Training**

* **Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship**, Mayo Clinic, Arizona (**July 2024–Present, Ongoing**)
* **Internal Medicine Residency**, Mayo Clinic, Arizona (**July 2021–June 2024**)
* **MBBS (MD equivalent)**, Alfaisal University, Saudi Arabia (**2014–2020**)

**Certifications & Awards**

**Certifications:**

* **Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)** – AHA (**2023–Present**)
* **Basic Life Support (BLS)** – AHA (**2023–Present**)
* **Mayo Clinic Quality Fellow (Bronze Level)** (**2017**)

**Honors & Awards:**

* **David R. Sanderson Award for Academic Excellence** – Mayo Clinic (**2024**)
* **Resident Research Award** – Mayo Clinic (**2023**)
* **Resident of the Year Award** – Maricopa County Medical Society (**2022**)
* **2nd Prize Poster Presentation** – Arizona Chapter, American College of Cardiology (**2022**)
* **Research Award** – College of Medicine, Alfaisal University (**2018**)
* **Dean’s List Award** – College of Medicine, Alfaisal University (**2015–2020**)

**Professional Memberships & Leadership**

* **Kashmiri American Society for Healthcare Medical Education and Research (KASHMER)** – Chair of Education, Research & Training (ERT) Committee (**Nov 2024–Present**)
* **American College of Cardiology (ACC)** – Member (**2021–Present**)
* **ACC Scientific Meeting Social Media Ambassador** (**2024**)
* **Heart Rhythm Society (HRS)** – Member (**2022–Present**)
* **HRS 2024 Scientific Meeting Social Media Ambassador**
* **American College of Physicians (ACP)** – Member (**2021–Present**)
* **Chair, Arizona Chapter Resident Committee** (**2022–2024**)

**Research & Clinical Interests**

* **Cardiac Electrophysiology** – Arrhythmias, Atrial Fibrillation, ICDs
* **Preventive Cardiology** – Cardiovascular risk assessment early optimization
* **Quality Improvement & Medical Education**

**Key Presentations**

* **Clinical Outcomes in SCAD & Ventricular Arrhythmias** – TCT 2024, Washington, D.C. (**Oct 2024**)
* **Predictors of Appropriate ICD Discharges in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy** – Heart Failure Society of America (**2024**)
* **Incessant Ventricular Tachycardia in Severe Ischemic Cardiomyopathy** – Mayo Clinic Heart Rhythm & ECG Course (**Dec 2023**)

March 12, 2025

Re: Advisory Opinion Letter in Support of O-1 Visa Petition for Dr. Fernando Cândido Martins

To Whom It May Concern,

**BIOGRAPHY**

To briefly introduce myself, I am an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, I have considerable experience in cardiovascular diseases and cardiac electrophysiology. I hold an MBBS (MD equivalent) from Alfaisal University and am currently completing a Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. My scholarly work across specialties of cardiovascular medicine includes 25+ peer-reviewed publications, 100+ citations and 20+ presentations at local and national scientific and medical conferences. My professional memberships include the American College of Cardiology, the Heart Rhythm Society, and the American College of Physicians. I have been honored with multiple academic and research awards, including the David R. Sanderson Award for Academic Excellence and the Resident Research Award from the Mayo Clinic. Given my background in electrophysiology and cardiology, I am well qualified to assess Dr. Martins’ extraordinary abilities and provide this advisory opinion on his qualifications for the position.

Based on my evaluation of the industry standards for this position and Dr. Fernando Cândido Martins' extensive qualifications, it is clear that his role as a Pre-Opening Administrator requires extraordinary ability in cardiology and electrophysiology. His specialized expertise, leadership experience, and clinical achievements make him uniquely suited for the offered position. Therefore, I conclude that Dr. Martins fully meets the criteria for an O-1 visa as an individual of extraordinary ability in the field of sciences and medicine.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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