

August 23, 2013

RE: Pranay S. Aryal, M.D.; AAMC ID #13247904

Dear Program Director:

It is a pleasure and privilege for me to write this letter of recommendation for **Dr. Pranay Aryal** who is applying for a position in your internal medicine training program. Dr. Aryal has waived his rights to see this letter.

Dr. Aryal is already fully trained in internal medicine, but he is interested in receiving further training in the United States. He received his medical education at Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, India, receiving his medical degree in December 2004. After that, he worked as an independent physician at Baptist Christian Hospital in Assam, India, from 2004-2006. Later, starting in February 2008, he joined an internal medicine residency program at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, finishing his training in February 2011. During his residency, he had a thesis project in which he asked the question, "Is pancreatitis a part of multi-organ dysfunction in ICU patients?" He completed this work in July 2009, presenting the results to his training program. Because of his interest in receiving additional training in the United States, Dr. Aryal has already taken the USMLE examinations, receiving a score of 225 in Step 1, 224 in Step 2 CK, and passing Step 2 CS. He will take Step 3 sometime this month.

During the time I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Aryal on the gastroenterology and hepatology service, it was clear that he has a solid clinical base showing clear evidence that he has already received good training in internal medicine. In discussions during rounds and conferences, he was very interested in the care of the patients and in learning the most current information. In addition, he brought to the discussions relevant literature that showed his continuing clinical actualizations since completing medical school. Dr. Aryal is relatively quiet but he showed that he was able to interact extremely well with internal medicine residents and gastroenterology fellows who were rotating at the same time. He always showed great empathy for the patients and, at all times demonstrated the highest ethical standards. Dr. Aryal was able to communicate extremely well in English and always maintained good relationships with ancillary personnel.


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In summary, Dr. Aryal is an intelligent young physician with a solid clinical base and previous training in internal medicine who shows continuing interest in learning and great dedication to his patients. Because of these reasons, I feel that Dr. Aryal will be an exceptional addition to any internal medicine training program, and I recommend him enthusiastically.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. Marsano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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