2023-2024 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding MSTP Preceptor

Name of Nominee Jacob Basak, MD, PhD

It is with extreme enthusiasm and confidence that I nominate Dr. Jacob Basak for the Outstanding MSTP Preceptor Golden Stethoscope Award. I am a 6th year MSTP student and I have precepted with Dr. Basak for the last 3 years (~180 hours) of my graduate training.

During our first shift in the hospital together, the enthusiasm and patience Dr. Basak had for teaching MSTP students clinical skills were immediately apparent. Dr. Basak eagerly taught me new procedural skills and ensured that I was included during more challenging procedures performed by residents. To refine and develop my clinical skills, Dr. Basak continuously worked with me to gain independence and confidence in writing clinical notes and presenting patients during rounds in the STICU. My experience precepting Dr. Basak far exceeded my expectations of maintaining my clinical skill set while I was in graduate school and allowed me to strengthen and expand my clinical abilities.

Beyond the tangible skills Dr. Basak worked with me on, he ensured that I was consistently included and felt welcome during my clinical experiences which greatly enhanced my ability to learn and grow. Outside of our clinical duties, we shared many discussions about career development and exploration oriented for my stage in MSTP training. He thoughtfully answered my many questions about selecting residency programs, transitioning from residency to a faculty position, and how to meld research with a clinical specialty. Our discussions greatly impacted my career trajectory as I intend to pursue a physician scientist training residency program for anesthesiology.

To nurture my interest in the anesthesiology specialty in an academic setting, Dr. Basak offered to be my mentor for a peer-reviewed article that discussed anesthesiology considerations for patients with myasthenia gravis. We worked together on this educational content outside of precepting hours and writing this with Dr. Basak improved my scientific communication skills and refined my knowledge on the topic. Our peer reviewed material is now available on OpenAnesthesia and the generosity Dr. Basak exhibited with his time and expertise to write this with me will certainly bolster my future residency applications.

Taken together, Dr. Basak is a patient, thoughtful, generous, and engaging preceptor. Dr. Basak's mentorship has been instrumental in my development as a physician-scientist and his dedication to my training ranks number 1 compared to other clinical mentors throughout my career. It is from Dr. Basak's qualities depicted above that I endorse him as an outstanding MSTP preceptor.

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