2024-2025 Golden Stethoscope Nomination

Nominated for: Outstanding DOCS Preceptor

Name of Nominee Dr. Peter Torberntsson

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Dr. Peter Torberntsson to be recognized as this year's Outstanding DOCS Preceptor. During his time as my DOCS Preceptor, Dr. Torberntsson demonstrated an outstanding commitment and dedication to helping me have an excellent preceptorship, and my experience with him served as the highlight of my first year of medical school.

From my first interaction with Dr. Torberntsson, he displayed great enthusiasm, which was a constant throughout the year. There was never a day in clinic where I felt unwelcome, and he was always happy to have me there. When scheduling shifts, he was very flexible and allowed me to choose what days worked best with my class schedule, and I was always able to find a time that worked for me. I appreciated his willingness to help me experience different aspects of the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation specialty by having me in outpatient clinic, inpatient rounds, and the procedure suite which allowed me to gain a very well-rounded preceptorship experience.

When first starting out, it was difficult knowing what to ask and how to manage the complex PM&R patients, but he was very understanding of the knowledge level of a first year medical student. Whenever I had questions about a diagnosis or treatment, he always took the time to explain what I needed to know to help me do better for the next patient. I always felt comfortable asking for help or making a mistake, as he was very supportive and happy to demonstrate what to do. His interactions with both his patients and the rest of the care team served as an outstanding example of how a physician should be.

Throughout the year, he was aware of the skills that I had gained during my time with him and constantly pushed me to grow and continue developing my clinical skills. As I gained more experience throughout the year, he allowed me to attempt to interview and examine patients on my own and always provided helpful feedback on how to continue improving. Through his guidance, I was able to gain confidence in the neurologic and musculoskeletal physical exam maneuvers even before we officially learned them in medical school. By the end of the year, I had completed many shifts beyond the minimum required hours because of how much I enjoyed developing my clinical skills with him.

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