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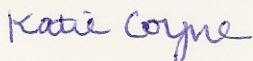
Testimonial of Summer Internship Program

My experience at the Cleveland Clinic in the Summer 2009 Center for Reproductive Medicine Internship far exceeded my expectations. I anticipated learning and research, but I did not foresee the personal care, guidance, and hands on exposure to medicine provided to me through this internship. During my time I worked on writing two articles related to creating a standard of care for fertility preservation. These two articles are currently pending publication in two renowned journals, *Current Women's Health Reviews* and *Fertility and Sterility*. Dr. Amr Kader served as an incredible mentor in the process of reviewing articles and analyzing data for our work. In my research on fertility preservation I was able to personally meet and speak with doctors from the Clinic and elsewhere to gain valuable insight and opinions from renowned experts in the field. Drs. Goldfarb, Goldberg, and Hurd were just a few of the doctors that took time out of their schedules in order to sit down with me to discuss their perspectives on fertility preservation and the prospects for the future of the field.

In addition, we had the opportunity to hear speak and to engage in conversation with experts from various other fields. This opportunity served to broaden my knowledge in areas outside of my own research. For example, Dr. Maria Sieminow, the surgeon who performed the first face transplant, shared with us the challenges to and the life changing ability of providing a patient with a donated face. Silvia Morrison, Director of Marketing at the Cleveland Clinic, met with us not once, but three times in order to help us improve our public speaking skills. These are but a few of the many examples of the distinguished individuals who provided us with first-rate education and guidance throughout the summer. All of our access to exceptional doctors, as well as the other facets that made the program such a success, were made possible by the hard work of the directors and organizers of our program, including Drs. Agarwal, Sharma, and Gupta.

During the Awards Dinner at the end of Summer Internship Program, I had the privilege of presenting, along with a fellow intern, the "Top Ten Reasons You Know You're an Intern at the Center for Reproductive Medicine." The top nine reasons included a plethora of comical idiosyncrasies of the quotidian intern; yet, the number one reason is the most telling of our experience, and the most sincere. The number one reason you know you're an intern at the Center for Reproductive Medicine is: "You have never had more caring, knowledgeable or helpful people than the mentors and fellows you have worked with this summer, and the Cleveland Clinic will always feel like home."

Sincerely and gratefully,



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