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Dear Dr. Edmund Sabanegh:

Thank you for an amazing experience during the Summer Internship 2009. Thank you for being part of the program. It has been my honor and privilege. The experience is unequivocal in terms of quality, intensity, knowledge, friendship and professionalism. I appreciate your genuine enthusiasm in our personal growth and offering us the opportunity to shadow your surgeries.

The program's wealth of knowledge and experience included such an impressive amount of opportunities including writing research paper(s), attending over 100+ lectures, lab tours and demonstrations, shadowing physicians and scientists, and observing bench research. Equally, Dr. Ashok Agarwal consistently shares and continues to share the latest media news or volume from various medical journals. All has opened my view to the vast facets of reproductive medicine (urology, obstetrics/gynecology, fertility, embryology, genetics, endocrinology, sexual dysfunction, etc.)

Most importantly, the program provided me the opportunity to write a review article and have it published in a prominent journal. My two research topics are *Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis – Aneuploidy Screening: What is true, what is false, what is the role of the embryo* with mentor Dr. Zsolt Peter Nagy, and *Management of couples with Multiple Implantation Failure* with mentors, Dr. Hassan Sallam and Dr. Amr Farouk Abdel Kader. The plethora of resources available to support the writing process including lecture series, online PubMed search, medical library and direct and indirect mentors is remarkable. The support and encouragement from everyone was beyond my expectations and contributed significantly to my motivations to become involved. Furthermore, the research experience has me considering the possibility of future research in clinical medicine as an academician and physician and becoming a writer, something I never considered because I previously did not believe I had the necessary skills.

The internship has given me an edge over my peers. I will have learned more about the male and female reproductive system function and pathophysiology, embryology, genetics, and various other related topics. I now gravitate towards a higher intensity of learning beyond the college level. During lectures, I understand the “inside” tidbit of information my professors refer to just as a parent understands the “inside” jokes of a children’s movie; and that makes me smile inside.

It was important to feel comfortable in my own skin and travel in my own unique path. Despite being the only intern who is a career woman, mother of two small children, and a much older, non-traditional post-baccalaureate, I did not find myself misplaced. On the contrary, I felt special to be the token wise intern with much life experience to share. I much appreciate the kindness, friendship and encouragement bestowed upon me.

The internship not only confirmed my interest in medicine but also opened my eyes to complementary options (i.e. research, lecture, and author) I would not have considered otherwise. Writing a research paper has become such a fulfilling achievement. The encouragement, support and belief from Dr. Ashok Agarwal, Dr. Sajal Gupta, Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Dr. Rima Dada, Dr. Zsolt Peter Nagy, Dr. Amr Farouk Abdel Kader, Dr, Reda Mahfouz, and other mentors, lecturers and staff enabled me to step outside of my comfort zone, to realize some of my unrealized potentials. Thank you so much for an extraordinary opportunity.

Sincerely,

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