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Dr. Agarwal,

It is always amazing to realize how time passes. I can still recall the day when I joined the research program in December 2004. I was new to research and to the life in this country. The whole world of medicine was restricted to patients and books for me and it is here I realized how an individual's thought process gradually matures to contribute something new to the world - a totally unique method to help people get a better life.

I always had a goal to build a career in both academic and clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology but acquiring research experiences even consolidated my aims. I believe this was entirely possible due to the unparalleled mentorship and guidance I received from you and Dr Falcone.

Our research program has some outstanding features which I would like to summarize in a few lines.

- A fellow new to research gets the opportunity to learn in a graded sequence so that the bulk of the assignment is handled easily.**
- The gradual introduction to the focus of the lab with an encouragement to introduce newer concepts in the field of research in infertility is unique**
- The morning meetings and journal clubs encourage fellows from different fields to interact and know about the prevailing up to date research.**
- Each individual in this program gets equal opportunity to make oral presentation about evidence based concepts in prevailing scientific work along with their individual research they are engaged in.**

- The program encourages fellows to participate in the process of obtaining funding for research which actually builds up an individual's capabilities to design a study and to interact with people in the core of research.
- There is an excellent opportunity to interact with people all over the world not only as colleagues but also as collaborators and exchange thoughts about research as well as life around the world. This is not only restricted to the lab itself but attending scientific meetings and participating in discussions with renowned scientists opens up the mind for young fellows which I believe is a vital part of the education process.
- Overall, the program prepares an individual to get organized, interact, present oneself, and ultimately feel confident and proud of one's own hard work and effort in front of the world

The program actually helped me get more organized and appreciate the concept of team work, help other colleagues and realize that we live not only for ourselves but we live together. I learnt the techniques of maintaining and handling laboratory equipment along with the technique of handling oocytes and embryos. After 20 months of experience in this program, I am really happy that my efforts are taking the shape of publications and reaching out to the world- this not only strengthens my CV but also fills me with utmost joy. I hope all my hard work would get published in the coming days.

Since I will be joining residency soon, I can comment with confidence that the program actually prepared me in presenting myself especially during interviews and whoever interacted with me was thrilled to know the research I was engaged with during my stay in this program.

I feel myself really lucky to have been chosen in this program and undergo the training in such a prestigious institute under the able guidance of scholars like, Dr Falcone, Dr Sharma and you.

I believe four years from now when I would graduate from the residency program, I would definitely be happy to know that the program had flourished and enriched itself to an extent when people would actually know it by its name and feel proud to have been associated with this program. Infact it is my dream to return to the Cleveland Clinic as a fellow in Ob-Gyn and get a chance to work with all of you again.

Thank you for the great opportunity and the immense support and encouragement you gave me throughout the days in the Reproductive Research Center

With Regards,



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