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Re: Facundo Iriarte, MD

Friday, September 02, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter on behalf of Dr. Facundo Iriarte, applicant for a thoracic surgeon position at your institution. Dr. Iriarte was recently enrolled in an advanced minimally invasive thoracic surgical fellowship at Fox Chase Comprehensive Cancer Center of Temple University in 2020-2021 and at Memorial Sloan Kettering in 2021-2022. He graduated from San Miguel de Tucuman University School of Medicine in Argentina in 2015 and trained in General Surgery at British Hospital of Buenos Aires from 2015 to 2020.

I have worked with Facundo extensively during his time at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He immediately struck us as a dedicated and methodical member of the house staff. As he advanced through his rotations, he showed even further improvement and solid knowledge base, rational thought process and superb organizational and interpersonal skills. His professional qualities certainly provide all the attributes for the discipline of Thoracic Surgery. In fact, he quickly became the go-to person for our team of advanced-level providers, nurses and administrative staff.

On the Thoracic Surgical ward, he also performed exceedingly well. He clearly proved that he was well-versed in management of surgical problems before or as they arise. Indeed, while still in residency he was chosen to serve as Chief Resident with attending privileges during his final year and this was clearly evident in his capabilities. When evaluating a patient in clinic, he was able to easily summarize the entire clinical picture including all pertinent negatives.

In the operating room, the entire faculty was extremely impressed with his skills. As a surgeon who uses the robotic platform frequently, I was able to closely mentor him in this technology. His motions are smooth, efficient, and deliberate. He is a very fast learner and performs each procedure with ease and confidence. He has also had an extensive exposure to both thoracoscopic and open thoracic procedures of varying complexities.

In research he has actively pursued clinical projects under my mentorship which have been published in peer-reviewed journals. Additionally, he has previously authored publications in general and esophageal surgery.



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While interacting with Facundo, one finds him capable of working independently as well as successfully collaborating with his peers. He is an excellent leader and can flourish in a group environment in which cooperation is essential. Additionally, he excels at teaching the more junior trainees. I am confident that Dr. Iriarte will excel and make many contributions to any thoracic surgical program and eventually to the field of Thoracic Surgery. I would not hesitate to offer him a position as my partner should this become possible. I know he will make any team that much stronger by his presence.

In short, I have absolutely no reservations in recommending him as a superior candidate for your program. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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