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Re: Lewis Friedlander, M.D.

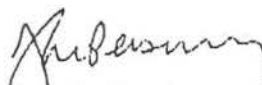
To whom it may concern:

I have had the opportunity to meet and work with Dr. Lewis Friedlander during his rotation on the Plastic Surgery service at Yale University as a part of his general surgery training program at Bridgeport Hospital. Dr. Friedlander's background training is quite varied, with previous clinical training in neurosurgery, and research experience in ophthalmology. He has conducted some very interesting research related to microvascular revascularization for ischemic optic neuropathy. It is my understanding, he played a large role in structuring the questions to be tested, performance of the research and data analysis.

During his stay with us, Dr. Friedlander's work ethic and demeanor were exemplary. He demonstrated personal responsibility, and the ability to work with others amiably. He does not retreat from long working hours and clinical demands. His clinical acumen for his stage of training and relatively brief exposure to plastic surgery problems and principles was appropriate.

It is my belief that with proper guidance both his technical skills and knowledge base in plastic surgery could be excellent. I therefore support and endorse his candidacy for additional training in plastic surgery.

Sincerely,


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