



September 6, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in behalf of Dr. Sandeep Singh, M.S., M.Ch., who has successfully completed a cardiovascular surgery fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute from August, 1997 through August, 2000. During this time, he has demonstrated above average technical skills, exemplary clinical performance and professionalism. He received the Outstanding Cardiovascular Surgery Fellow Award for 1999 among a field of some 20 candidates. Cardiovascular surgery residents and staff surgeons at the Texas Heart Institute select the recipient of this award.

As a fellow on our service, Dr. Singh was exposed to and participated in an extensive variety of cardiac, vascular and thoracic surgical procedures, including patients' pre- and post-operative management. He consistently maintained a kind demeanor around patients and families, and worked cordially with other hospital personnel and his surgical colleagues. He was a reliable member of the service, accepting all assignments, following through and communicating responsibly. He was adept at managing on call responsibilities in the critical care units where often several emergencies may arise simultaneously.

Dr. Singh used his time well and availed himself of the many conferences and lectures offered at Texas Heart Institute. He co-authored with Dr. George Reul the scientific publication, "Reconstruction of Superior Vena Cava with the Aid of an Extraluminal Venovenous Jugulo-Atrial Shunt" which was published in the Texas Heart Institute Journal earlier this year.

Dr. Singh came with strong credentials from his previous educators, and distinguished himself while pursuing postgraduate training here. It has been our pleasure to have him as a member of our housestaff. We believe his future surgical career in India is bright.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denton A. Cooley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Denton A. Cooley, MD

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