

Interview Assessment 2

Name of Professional: Dr. Imran Mir

Profession: Neonatologist

Company: UT Southwestern

Date of Interview: 10/11/12

Assessment:

For my second interview, I interviewed Dr. Mir, a neonatologist at UT Southwestern, again due to the depth of knowledge he contained on the subjects of our discussion and my extensive list of questions that he seemed to be able to easily offer a perspective on. Dr. Mir provided a breakdown of his daily tasks, separated by the season that he chooses to do research, clinical treatment, and teaching. He emphasized the hospital finding a way for him to fulfill all of his passions, while contributing to the scientific world. From this, I was able to understand that medicine is not as cut and dry as it may appear at first; it is possible to design a work schedule that best meets my needs based upon the requirements that are well-suited to the lifestyle I desire. As such, I was now able to consider the aspects of medicine that I wanted to incorporate into my career without the feeling of constraintment. For example, I want to be able to take initiatives in mental hospital reform and progress, especially in developing countries. To be able to find a hospital that carries efforts through programs of such work and would be willing to allow me to take time during the year to work in this way is now something that I consider to be a possibility. One of my questions was centered around whether doctors have biases that they must defeat in order to be able to better provide patient care. Dr. Mir explained how he takes a course to deal with implicit bias in which many physicians attend to constantly improve. For me, it is a positive change that I will be able to fulfill my goal of serving as a figure of healing and support for others by minimizing my implicit biases and becoming a more accepting person in order to help my patients to the best of my ability. I recognize that

while many are under the impression that doctors are selfless, they are human beings and have the same basic inherent flaws that one must constantly develop. Based upon this, I look forward to my future medical treatment as he mentioned that this is also a skill that fellows are required to learn, which I consider to be quite fortunate. Additionally, Dr. Mir recommended a conference that I can join to learn more about neonatology as it relates to COVID-19, providing me an opportunity to expand my knowledge and reach greater connections with other physicians. He introduced me to the topics of a few studies that he will be working on in the future, opening up the idea for me to contribute to them in some way, thus increasing my exposure to academic medicine. In this way, I will be able to better my research skills. For future interviews, I hope to connect with a neonatologist that is more focused on clinical treatments in order to see a very focused perspective of neonatology and understand the lifestyle of a physician that is mainly working with patients.