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It gives me great pleasure to write this letter in support of my colleague from Global Hospitals, Dr.Roopa Seshadri.

I have had the opportunity to interact with her professionally for nearly two years, starting September 2014. Being a physician who prefers to review all relevant radiology images personally, my patient care has frequently taken me to radiology for discussion on the best options to take care of difficult patient challenges. It is during such meetings that her passion in her area of expertise shines through. Her methodical and step by step approach is a welcome change in this day of attempts at spot diagnosis. Although she is able to process information very quickly in response to clinical emergencies, she makes it a point to review it in greater detail at the earliest to ensure that all relevant data can be captured and discussed with the clinical team.

She is a radiologist who likes to interact with patients, and is comfortable taking histories and performing a clinical examination to corroborate the findings she notes in the course of her study of neuro imaging. This is a skill that she has perfected over time, and ensures high quality care for the patient, at times clarifying problems which have remained challenges for a long time. Her bedside manners are impeccable, and she appears to have the knack of putting patients at ease quickly whilst obtaining complicated pieces of information. I have been a spectator in such situations on numerous occasions and there has been a paradigm shift in my current expectation of the role of a neuro radiologist.

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Her exploits in interventional neuroradiology are often discussed on rounds. In situations where "time is brain", she has made numerous quick but accurate decisions that have proved life saving on later analysis. She has also consistently identified patients who may benefit from interventions, and carried out difficult procedures with supreme confidence based on her skill and expertise.

She has been a regular at all academic meetings in the hospital, and is able to make astute observations and provides valuable insights from her own fund of knowledge. She is able to hold her own in response to probing questions from her clinical colleagues during her presentations. She can look at data objectively and analyze it critically to assess if it is of value in her care of patients. She has also been involved as faculty in many conferences, and the combination of an genial nature, good command of language, and comprehensive understanding of the subject makes her a natural choice as a resource person.

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She cares deeply about others and is ever ready to help out even without being asked. She is very generous with her time and insights in helping out other radiologists at smaller centers and remote locations when approached with difficult clinical problems. During the devastating floods in December 2015, although her own house was significantly affected, she was busy volunteering to help those less fortunate and was willing to take on clinical responsibilities during a time of crisis. She was actually in the hospital which was isolated during this time, and was even bagging patients whose ventilator's battery died due to power failure, and later in the transfer of such patients by boat across uncertain waters to safety. This demonstrates her team spirit and unwavering commitment to patient care.

These attributes make a good radiologist and I am confident she will make a great asset to any institution that she works in.

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