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Dear Dr. Sears

After careful thought and consideration, I am writing this letter to convey my desire in applying for a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Rocking Residency. Since the commencement of my undergraduate work I have dedicated myself to secure an education that would allow me to excel in a career of my choosing, which is that of a clinical pharmacist. This desire to excel academically and clinically has driven me through my graduate career at Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Pharmacy and ultimately led to my decision to apply for a postgraduate year one residency program at Baylor Dallas.

Comment [KLE1]: Start with opening paragraph

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the Rocking Residency PGY-1 pharmacy practice residency. This program has been recommended to me by several pharmacy mentors who can attest to its strong reputation in producing well-rounded, motivated pharmacy clinicians who, after completion of the program, serve as progressive leaders in the profession through research, academia, and clinical service. After further investigation and the opportunity to discuss various aspects of the program with current residents, the value and strength of this opportunity is clear, and I feel I would be an excellent fit for this position.

Comment [KLE2]: ALTERNATE OPENING PARAGRAPH:

My decision to pursue residency training was made early in my pharmacy career after deliberate, careful consideration, realizing the importance of both general and specialized clinical training in the advancement of the pharmacy profession as well as in improving patient-centered care. Short term, I am seeking the prospect of gaining practical experience in a diverse environment where pharmacy is recognized as a fundamental aspect of the health care team. Additionally, I am searching for an opportunity to teach both pharmacy students and other medical professionals, while sharpening both my communication and presentation skills. Long term, after completion of my pharmacy education and a pharmacy practice residency, I plan to complete a specialty residency in internal medicine/critical care ultimately becoming a board certified pharmacy specialist. Through these efforts, I hope to serve as a leader in the profession, and also gain experience in the research and publication process with the ability to independently develop and implement practical outcomes study.

Comment [KLE3]: Brief description of career goals

Throughout my academic career I have long had a desire to incorporate education into my life. This desire has manifested not only in the education of students and patients, but also in my own personal growth. I have had the opportunity to gain many valuable pharmacy practice experiences in a wide array of fields ranging from various inpatient settings, oncology, pediatrics, and disease state management clinic. While gaining these experiences, I have come to the realization that education and growth are lifelong processes, and it is important to always strive for the highest standard. This understanding has become a part of my daily life and has helped me pursue advanced clinical training through a PGY1 residency. Transitioning into a pharmacy practice residency will help me not only become a more competent and complete practitioner, but also help me achieve my goal of a career in academia. This PGY1 residency will help me build upon my clinical skills for a specialty residency, most likely in the field of oncology.

Comment [KLE4]: ALTERNATE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CAREER GOALS

Through experiential rotations during my third and fourth years of pharmacy school I have had the opportunity to gain a great deal of experience. I have had the opportunity and privilege of gaining clinical experience in several specialty areas including geriatric home-based primary care, oncology consult teams, inpatient adult medicine interdisciplinary teams, rural pharmacy practice and pharmacotherapy ambulatory clinics. I have enjoyed each experience while learning a great deal and would like to continue to expand upon my learning through the residency program at Rocking Residency. In addition I have been very active in several leadership positions during my education. These experiences

Comment [KLE5]: Strengths

have helped to make me well-rounded and taught me a lot about my personal strengths and weaknesses along with helping to grow my organization skills which are paramount for a successful residency candidate.

I strongly believe that the education I have received at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy will greatly aide me in providing the highest quality of patient care, while still allowing me to grow as a clinician at Rocking Residency. I will have completed twelve distinct clerkship rotations, which will greatly assist my transition into the pharmacy practice residency. The opportunities which are available at Rocking Residency would be unique from my current didactic and experiential rotations, which I believe will ultimately help me become a more skilled and well-rounded practitioner. I have extensively become involved through various leadership opportunities at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy and I know that these qualities would carry over to help promote and progress the profession of pharmacy at Rocking Residency.

Comment [KLE6]: ALTERNATE STRENGTHS

I have always prided myself in making the most out of my education; therefore I do not believe that my learning will cease upon my graduation. I am seeking a program that will be challenging and allow me to use the skills that I have as well as give me the opportunity to develop and expand upon them. This residency program includes areas of which I have great interests such as ambulatory care with the anticoagulation clinic, critical care, emergency department practice, pain management, neonatal and transplant services and most importantly oncology. Since Rocking Residency has recently expanded with its new cancer center, it promotes a learning environment that will allow me to immerse myself into an atmosphere that will foster my growth as a clinical pharmacist. As well this program offers the opportunity to precept students and will allow me the opportunity to continue to improve upon my presentation skills through the various in-services and other teaching opportunities. I feel that this residency will allow me to grow in many areas while excelling in my strengths and interests. In the upcoming year, I hope to develop my research skills, assist with education of patients, students and/or staff, and enhance my leadership in pharmacy. The requirements of this residency will allow me to excel in these areas. With the immense opportunities that Rocking Residency has to offer, I believe it would be an excellent facility for me to develop clinically, professionally, and personally into my longer-term goal of being a clinical pharmacist as well as prepare me for a PGY2 residency in the future.

Comment [KLE7]: How you match program

The partnership that Rocking Residency has with the Rocking School of Medicine greatly professes to the high quality of care that is provided to its patients. Working as an integral member of the health care team, I believe that the education and services that are provided would not only help foster my education as a clinical pharmacist but also aide in the continuation of the provision of the highest quality of patient services. I am confident that through my experiences and the education that I will receive through this pharmacy practice residency that I will help assist in the continual growth of patient care. The pharmacy residencies at your institution have developed excellent reputations in their unparalleled clinical, educational, and pharmaceutical care. I believe my ambition and enthusiasm would be a great fit for the Rocking Residency pharmacy department, hospital and its patient population. Together, not only will I be given the opportunity to increase my clinical knowledge and skill set, but Rocking Residency will gain a resident who will work his hardest day in and day out to make sure that the highest standard of care is achieved.

Comment [KLE8]: ALTERNATE MATCH

Thank you for your time and efforts in reviewing my application materials. I appreciate your consideration for this position as I feel I would contribute a high degree of commitment and motivation to the program. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Comment [KLE9]: Closing

Based upon rotations offered and longitudinal experiences, combined with the opportunity to precept and teach students, I believe I would make a great fit for your program. In addition, I have great pharmacy experience and am personally invested in the practice of pharmacy. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Comment [KLE10]: ALTERNATE CLOSING

Sincerely,

Ima Rezcandidate, Pharm.D. Candidate