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To whom it may concern

Re: Emmanouil Zacharakis

Dr Zacharakis first came to St Mary's Hospital and Imperial College in as an honorary clinical fellow in July 2006 but soon impressed all the senior clinicians that we were able to offer him a Fellowship in Colorectal Surgery until May 2007.

His commitments included general and colorectal surgery clinics and theatre lists as well as acute emergency surgery and trauma. He developed skills in laparoscopic and open surgery in particular in gallbladder, hernia (inguinal and incisional) and colorectal surgery.

Following this he was appointed to a Fellowship in Upper GI Surgery and was then appointed a locum consultant surgeon from November 2007 to November 2008, then November 2008 to October 2009 he was a locum consultant in hepatobiliary surgery at Hammersmith Hospital. In November 2009 he obtained a substantive appointment as Senior Lecturer and Consultant in General and Oesophagogastric Surgery at Imperial College London and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust.

During this time he has impressed me initially as a trainee under my supervision, then as a colleague. He has excellent patient, clinical and operative skills and I would recommend him for appointment at consultant level. I would be happy to have him as a colleague again should he return to the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely



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