DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Indian Health Service

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SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR LETTER TO BE SENT TO REFERENCES OF APPLICANTS OR FOR TELEPHONE SOLICITATION OF REFERENCES

Date

Name
Address

Dear Dr./Mr./Ms. _____:

Dr./Mr./Ms. _____ has applied for membership to the medical staff of the Indian Health Service hospital/clinic in _____[location]_____.

We are in the process of validating information contained in his/her application and are asking that you provide us with your assessment of Dr./Mr./Ms. _____ in regards to his/her professional judgment, competence, and personal character. Also, please note the extent to which you have worked with the applicant and/or observed his/her clinical performance. A check sheet has been enclosed with this letter to facilitate your evaluation. Some or all of the information you give us could in the future be released to a State licensing board or similar entity, to other agencies of the Federal Government, or for legal purposes. Your response is voluntary; however, we hope that you will provide this information to us so that we can process Dr./Mr./Ms. _____'s application with the most accurate information possible.

Sincerely,

Clinical Director

IHS MEDICAL STAFF PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE CHECKLIST

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

APPLICANT'S POSITION: _____

AFFILIATION DATES: _____

THIS REFERENCE IS BASED ON:

Direct Observation	☐	**Indirect Observation**	☐
frequent	☐	frequent	☐
occasional	☐	occasional	☐
infrequent	☐	infrequent	☐

Discussion With Others Who Have Direct Knowledge:

Records Only: ___

EVALUATION OF APPLICANT:

Knowledge/Skills	Excel-lent	Very Good	Average	Below Aver-age*	Unable to Assess*
Diagnostic abilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clinical skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Surgical skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fund of knowledge	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Patient rapport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Peer rapport	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maintenance of medical records	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Staff meeting participation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Compliance with medical staff bylaws/rules & regulations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Productivity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motivation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Integrity/ethics	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health status	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

*Please explain: _____

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ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS, CURRENT OR PAST?

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TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DOES THIS APPLICANT HAVE ANY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SUITS PENDING?

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DEPENDENCY PROBLEMS, CURRENT OR PAST?

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Signed: _____ **Title:** _____

Print: _____

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