

Dear Reference Writer,

Thank you for agreeing to be a reference writer for a candidate applying to the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center. Your input is an extremely important part of our application review process and we truly value your assessment of the candidate.

To assist us with evaluating and comparing candidates, in addition to the 'score' given on the characteristics evaluations within the PhORCAS reference form, we are kindly asking you to provide comments assessing a few resident characteristics listed on the following page. On the same page there are also some questions for additional details that we would like for you to fill out. This page can be uploaded at the bottom of the PhORCAS reference form in the space for a Letter of Recommendation.

As much as possible, please provide specific examples which illustrate how the candidate demonstrated above or below average performance.

Once again, we truly appreciate your input and assessment of the candidate's performance, and we look forward to reviewing the candidate's qualifications for our residency program!

Sincerely,

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## Reference Writer Name:

Candidate Name.	
Please provide comments assessing the candidate on the following characteristics:	
•	Organize/manage time:
•	Clinical problem solving:
•	Independence:
•	Emotional stability/maturity:
Rotation Questions:	
1.	Did the rotation take place in an academic or non-academic institution?
2.	If this was an inpatient rotation, did the candidate participate in formal rounds with a medical team? Did they round independently or with you present?
3.	If this was an outpatient rotation, did the candidate see patients independently or with you (or another healthcare provider) present?
4.	Did the candidate make verbal recommendations to physicians or other health care providers?
5.	How many patients was the candidate expected to work-up and follow each day? Were they required to present patients to you? If so, did they provide a formal presentation using a systematic process (head-to-toe or by problem list)?

6. How would you rate the candidate's clinical knowledge base when compared to their peer group?