

**GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR NEUROSURGICAL APPLICANTS** AAMC Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Given the restriction on travelling sub-Internship rotations during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020-2021 cycle applicants should obtain a general surgery letter of recommendation. Input from a general surgery clerkship leader, mentor, or other rotation faculty member regarding performance on the general surgery core rotation, and other surgery rotations as applicable, provides an external source of evaluation consistent across applicants and relevant to the basic surgical skills, work ethic, and professionalism necessary for neurosurgical training.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Provided By: \_\_\_\_\_ Reference Writer's Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Compared **with other surgery residency applicants** with whom you have worked, please rate this applicant. Please limit entire form to 2 pages:

**Patient Care:** Ability to develop and justify an appropriate differential diagnosis and a cohesive treatment plan

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Medical knowledge:** Level of general and neurosurgical knowledge

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Procedural and Technical Skill:** Surgical intuition, ability to perform surgical tasks and procedures

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Initiative and Drive:** Self-directed, Ability to identify a need and see tasks to completion

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Professionalism and Communication:** Maturity, assumes responsibility, attention to requirements, team player

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Work Ethic:** Intrinsically hard-working, diligent in tasks, present and engaged

Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Overall Assessment**

What grade did the applicant earn in the core general surgery clerkship (and what is the highest grade available?) \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this applicant rank overall compared to their peers:  Top 1%     2-5%     6-10%     11-25%     26-50%     Bottom 50%

**Narrative Information**

Please summarize comments earned (positive and negative) during the core general surgery clerkship (no limit):

Please have a mentor or advisor to this applicant within the general surgery subspecialties summarize their experience with the applicant, including length and degree of interaction (no limit):