

**NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY RESIDENCY RECOMMENDATION FORM**

AAMC Number: \_\_\_\_\_

As recommended by the NRMP, letter of recommendation templates can assist to improve the quality, granularity, and consistency of applicant evaluations, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic virtual residency applicant cycle.

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

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

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

Compared to all **neurosurgery 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%
- NA

**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%
- NA

**Research:** Ability to identify a question, engage the literature, execute a research plan, and communicate results

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

**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%

**Coachability:** Responds to correction immediately with insight, subsequently performs task correctly, resilient

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

**Overall Assessment**

How much guidance do you predict this applicant will need during residency?

- Less than peers
- Similar to peers
- More than peers

Compared to other neurosurgery applicants you have recommended in the last 5 years, the applicant is in the:

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

**Narrative Information**

Please add resident comments from the applicant’s rotation:

Please summarize your experience with the applicant, including length and degree of interaction, and define unique qualities that benefit or detract from the applicant's potential to excel in neurosurgical training (no limit):