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PITT MED PROFESSIONALISM ACCOLADE



SAMIR YELLAPRAGADA

MS4 Student

"Samir demonstrated exceptional dedication to patient care on his internal medicine rotation exemplified through the time he spent being attentive and connecting with all of his patients. For example, one of the patients on service was struggling to find motivation to reach goals in recovering from his stay in the hospital. He was initially not very receptive… but Samir managed to connect with the patient and help him become motivated to reach his physical therapy goals. He did this by talking to the patient about what was important to him in his life.

Samir discovered he loved baseball and one of the things he wanted once he left the hospital was to be able to walk the bases on a baseball field. Samir looked up the distances and gave him physical therapy goals to achieve so that when he left the hospital, he could walk the bases… After that moment, the patient became more willing to work with the entire team on optimizing his care. It took one person to listen and understand a patient as a person for him to trust the care team. I believe Samir puts this kind of effort into all of his patient interactions and is deserving of acknowledgment for his kindness and empathy towards patients."

Submitted by a Medical Student
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