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"Dr. Pombie Silverman consistently modeled exemplary communication, particularly when discussing sensitive topics with patients (vaccination beliefs, abuse concerns, etc.). Dr. Silverman always made an extra effort to debrief on these encounters with me to discuss different strategies for respectfully, empathetically, and non-judgementally approaching important but challenging conversations with patients and their families. In these encounters, Dr. Silverman not only modeled exemplary professionalism but demonstrated a remarkable commitment to medical student education."

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