Personal Statement- First Name Last Name, MD, PhD

For consideration for promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Medicine (Term track), with demonstration of excellence in service. My average work assignment (2015-2020) is 85% service, 10 % education, and 5% research. Below is a summary of my achievements on clinical, education, and research from 2015 until now.

I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine and the only physician in the University of Louisville who treats patients with advanced pulmonary hypertension (PH) using all the currently approved PH medications including continuous intravenous and subcutaneous infusion therapies.

I am the only pulmonologist in the University of Louisville who performs right heart catheterization (RHC) in the catheterization lab to evaluate and follow up PH patients offering them a comprehensive care for their advanced disease. I perform invasive vasodilator testing, exercise testing, and fluid challenge in selected patients during RHC to offer accurate diagnosis and treatment of our PH patients. Additionally, I am the PI for multiple clinical trials totaling more than $1 million.

# Service (85%)

* In 2015, I became the associate program director of the University of Louisville program and in 2017 I was appointed as the director of the PH program.
* I constantly receive referrals from the private practice pulmonologists to evaluate and treat patients with suspected underlying PH and I was able to double the size of our PH patients in the last few years.
* Our PH program results in an increased downstream revenue since every patient has a clinic visit every 3 months with blood work, 6-minute walk test, cardiac echocardiography every 6 months, and frequent RHCs for hemodynamic reassessment as recommended by guidelines. This is besides the initial comprehensive evaluation that includes full pulmonary function testing, sleep studies, and radiological imaging that includes chest CT and ventilation perfusion scans.
* I am the principal investigator for multiple PH clinical trials (with total awards exceeding $1.0 million) that examine new therapies for different types of PH and provide an access to our patients in the community to cutting-edge therapies. For example, one of these clinical trials is a phase 1 study that offers our patients an access to a brand-new technology that is only being studied in few expert centers in the US and our site is one of the top enrolling sites in the country.
* I am one of few physicians in the University of Louisville who are Sleep Medicine board certified. This allowed me to provide further comprehensive care to my PH patients and to help growing our Sleep Medicine practice.
* I recently passed the Critical Care Echocardiography board exam which is a new exam administered by the national Board of Echocardiography (started in 2019). I routinely include echocardiographic examination in the care of my PH patients and in the intensive care unit to ensure that our critically ill patients are receiving the highest quality of care.
* My clinical productivity has been consistently above my target work RVUs reflecting the number of clinical services provided in the intensive care unit, pulmonary service, and sleep medicine. For example, my work RVUs were 9,095 and 9,169 in 2018 and in 2019 respectively (target was 6400 work RVUs)

# Education (10%)

* Louisville lectures 2017 distinguished faculty educator for highest number of views for my board review course (currently more than 68000 views as of 3/17/2020)
* In 2018, I was selected by the Pulmonary Critical Care fellows to receive the teaching faculty award of the year.
* I gave the department of Internal Medicine grand round lecture on 1/18/2018 to increase the awareness about PH.
* In 2018, I was chosen to serve as Moderator in the international Chest conference 2018 (Pulmonary manifestations of systemic diseases II, October 9, 2018)
* In 2019, my proposal to give Sunrise Seminar in 2019 international ATS conference was accepted, and I gave a talk with the title “Pulmonary Hypertension in the ICU: A Stepwise Approach” which was sold out before the conference (May 20th, 2019)
* I regularly give PH lectures to the pulmonary critical care fellows and to the cardiology fellows
* Involvement with fellows and residents’ scholarly activities that resulted in numerous abstracts in international conferences such as ATS and CHEST (50 abstracts between 2015 and 2020).
* Teach patients about PH disease through patient support groups inside and outside Louisville.

# Research (5%)

* 50 abstracts since 2015.
* 28 publications since 2015.
* Peer reviewer for multiple journals including JAMA which has an impact factor of 51.3
* Principal investigator for multiple PH clinical trials that investigate advanced new therapies for different types of PH.