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To whom it may concern,

It has been my pleasure to recently welcome Ms. Hina Mazharuddin, PA-C as a guest educator and presenter to the University of Pittsburgh Physician Assistant Studies Hybrid program. Hina was kind enough to share her expertise regarding telehealth with our didactic year students for what proved to be an engaging and motivating session. The feedback from our students has been very positive, and having been present to help facilitate this training, I strongly agree that this was a worth-while learning experience.

While the platform of telehealth can seem somewhat daunting to both students and senior clinicians alike, Hina's simple yet well-structured delivery made this vital means of patient evaluation and care very approachable. After briefly discussing both the utility and limitations of telehealth, she delivered real case scenarios for which patients present to virtual clinic visits. As she herself quite literally played out the role of "patient," she simultaneously coached our students through the vast scope assessment possible through this online platform. Students were enthusiastic to participate in such an interactive manner and were motivated to learn more about patient engagement in this setting.

As a hybrid program, our students are accustomed to online learning, yet the level of energy that Hina delivered during her time with us was described by them as "exceptional." Students felt confident to ask questions, both of the mock patient and of Hina as an educator and have since made multiple requests for her to teach them once again. The passion that Hina shared with our program motivated our future clinicians to want to know more, and we are so grateful to have had her educate with our team.

Sincerely,

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