

# A MEETING WITH MY MENTOR

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This past week, I met with Dr. David Kim of Texas Radiology Associates, whom I did an informational interview with. I was able to have a good talk with him, which entailed him showing me how to use a piece of surgical equipment for some hands-on experience, me asking him to be my mentor, and a good discussion where he gave me some advice for my future. Overall, it was extremely fun and interesting to be able to go inside the hospital to meet him in-person and to be able to see parts of the hospital that I have never seen before. I got to go through the back hallway of the hospital to get to the imaging section, which I also got to go inside of. The hospital complex was amazing. It was huge and incredibly detailed. It was so big with so many buildings; I was lucky to find the hospital entrance. I also got to meet with him inside of his office, where I got to see his desk and some scans that he was looking at. It was so cool to see the real scans up close on his special monitors for analyzing imaging. I was able to gain more of an understanding of what a hospital looks like and where interventional radiologists do their work.

He gave me a biopsy needle and a scalpel for a video demonstration for my HOSA competition. He was able to show me how to use them and it was so cool to be able to hold that equipment that I had seen being used on YouTube in real surgeries. He gave me some ideas for my video and how to properly conduct the procedure. This was useful to gain some hands-on experience, working with real equipment.

I also asked him to be my mentor, which he agreed to. I will send him the information he needs for the mentorship program and I will also be sure to relay the background check form to him. I am extremely excited to begin this mentorship and for the growth that it will bring. My meeting with him was really informative as well, since he gave me some advice for my future in medical school and for residency. I also learned some information about the current trends that interventional radiology is going through and what to expect in the future. I gained a better outlook on my career from this meeting. Next week, I aim to finish my research assessment and to complete the video demonstration.

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## Weekly Report

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