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The Opening of an Opportunity

Assessment 7 - Interview

Name of Professional: Dr. David Kim

Title: Vascular and Interventional Radiology, Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology

Company: Texas Radiology Associates

Date of Interview: 10/28/20

Works Cited:

Jung, Nathan, and David Kim. "Informational Interview." 28 Oct. 2020.

Assessment:

This was the second informational interview conducted by me this year. It was set up by email and Dr. David Kim was very responsive and enthusiastic to complete the interview. This interview was extremely helpful and overall a great experience. I was also able to connect with him and set up a potential shadowing opportunity.

This interview, I was attempting to discover certain things about interventional radiology and the medical school experience. Although this interview had limited time, lots of information was received. One of the topics where curiosity arose was his job as an interventional radiologist and the group he is in as well as where he does his work. It was discovered that he has worked in

the private practice of Texas Radiology Associates since 2000 and that he works at the Baylor Scott and White hospitals in the area. He recommended that I check out their websites in order to do more research about the practice and to learn more about interventional radiology in general. He was very open about his job and his practice and thus this question was successfully answered. Additionally, it was also discovered that he spends lots of time conducting procedures in the hospital in his job, similar to Dr. Chen in my last interview. He typically spends his whole day working on a variety of procedures, including drainage and interventional oncology. Thus, this area of knowledge was successfully filled. Also, it was discovered that he really enjoys his job and finds it extremely rewarding. Ultimately, the goal of this interview was to get a new perspective on the job of an interventional radiologist and the goal was successfully completed since Dr. Kim was very descriptive and insightful when discussing his perspective on the job.

A goal for this assessment was to contemplate how the information received will be used going forward. First, Dr. Kim recommended some websites of his private practice and some of their affiliated groups for extra research in order to learn more about the companies and about interventional radiology overall. These websites can be the source of new research and can also guide future research in other areas. Thus, by Dr. Kim recommending these websites, this interview provided a new avenue of research which will certainly be explored. Second, Dr. Kim offered a new perspective on the types of procedures that he does. The fact that he does frequent work with procedures can guide future research to focus more on procedures and less on analyzing medical imaging, since that seems to be what interventional radiologists do the most. Additionally, he recommended that future research should not be so concentrated on interventional radiology. He said that I should explore a wide variety of medical specialties in order to correctly choose one since, according to him, choosing a medical specialty is the most

important decision of any physician's life. Thus, future research will not be so focused on one specialty; a wide variety of specialties will be explored; however, research assessments will still focus on interventional radiology. Building on that, he also recommended being open to all specialties when doing clinical rotations in medical school, so that advice will be taken to heart and remembered in a few years when I enter medical school. The future attitude will be extremely open and his advice will definitely be taken into account.

Another goal was to learn some more information about the original work. He recommended that the arm be fixed to the table, not the floor, just like Dr. Chen, since the table will need to be moved. That advice will be taken into account when designing the project. Also, his mentioning of procedures that he does can and will guide future research into procedures for the original work to be based upon.

Some highlights of the interview was the fact that he and I had a great connection and he offered for me to shadow him at his hospital, since it just opened up to students to shadow physicians. He told me to set it up with Mr. Speice, which I did, and I am extremely excited and thankful for the opportunity. Also, his mentioning of him conducting lots of procedures was extremely exciting because procedures appear to be a very fun aspect of the interventional radiology job. Ultimately, this interview was very fun and informative and I gained a lot of experience from it with talking to professionals.

In conclusion, this interview was very efficient and I had a great time speaking with Dr. Kim. All of the questions were answered and the voids of knowledge were filled. I look forward to working with Dr. Kim in the future and I can now go more in depth with future interviews set up, such as one that I have upcoming with Dr. Linnan Tang.

Interview Notes:

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