Stage: Research/Mentorship

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST MENTOR VISIT

This past week, I conducted lots of research in order to prepare for my next mentor visit. I am currently in the process of scheduling it and it will be over a virtual platform: either Zoom or a phone call. I am planning to go over the general procedure of paperwork and everything with my mentor, Dr. Kim, and I will talk to him about my Final Product and will ask him some questions that came up when I was doing my research for the assessment and off to the side. I am extremely excited for my first mentor visit and I hope to get through everything smoothly.

I was able to do some research, mainly external, over interventional oncology. I also looked over my original work project in order to have some things to talk to Dr. Kim about. I am also curious about what interventional oncology procedures I can incorporate into my project design, or if I should just focus on the procedures that Dr. Kim sees best fit. He did note that he could give me considerable input on my wire and catheter holder design, so I am excited to talk to him about it.

One thing that I did not do as well this week was mapping out my research planning. I ended up doing all of my external research first and did my research assessment last minute. This week, I will do my research assessment first and then I will do my other external research. I will talk with Dr. Kim and do a research assessment over whatever he recommends I focus my design for the Final Product around.

The goals for next week are to manage my time better by creating a clear schedule for my research, to meet with Dr. Kim if he is available, and to start thinking about modifying my design for the Final Product. I am also supposed to meet with Mr. Speice about my Original Work project and to discuss plans for my Final Product. This week was less eventful, but I am really excited for next week.

