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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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I write this letter as a certificate of proof for Mr. Alvaro Bueno, one of the fellows trained in our bariatric unit. He joined us in October 2012 and completed his training in October 2013.

In the first six months, he did a Clinical Attachment. His main task was to assist in the operating room and support all of the clinical work for bariatric patients. At the end of March 2013, he became our Senior Bariatric Clinical Fellow. He was involved in around 600 bariatric procedures in this year, both in public and private hospitals.

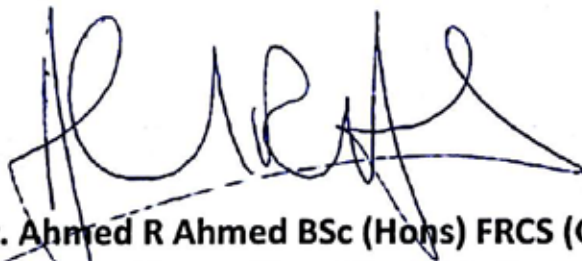
He performed as first surgeon 59 laparoscopic bariatric procedures (31 Gastric Bypasses, 19 Sleeve Gastrectomies, 5 Gastric Bands and 4 Revisional Bariatric Surgeries).

He joined our unit with an excellent learning curve in laparoscopic surgery. During his bariatric learning curve in our center his results were consistent with our standard results. In summary, in these 59 patients there were neither serious postoperative complication nor any mortality or conversion to open surgery. The morbidity rate was 7%. The mean hospital stay was 2.5 days. At one year, the total weight loss was around 30% for Gastric Bypasses, 27% for Sleeve Gastrectomies and 15% for Gastric Bands.

Our multidisciplinary team performed the follow-up of every patient. Any patient suffering from any suspect symptom was referred to the surgical clinic.

Alvaro was available 24-7 for any bariatric surgery emergencies attending the Accident and Emergency Unit at Imperial (St. Mary's, Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals). It gave him a very good experience dealing with these challenging patients.

Please, feel free to contact me if there is any further queries or if I can help in anyway.



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