

RESUME WRITING TIPS FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATES by Dr. Eric Grosch

A major problem with physicians' job-searches and résumés is the customary absence of hard data and total reliance on credentials from education and training and on vague, meaningless reference-letters from political hacks, along the lines, "I have known Dr. X for ____ years and I think he's an outstanding (excellent, average, below-average, stinking, lousy) physician. In that scheme of things, the physician is helpless before the unsubstantiated opinions of "peers" who haven't a clue. Reliance, instead on actual, documented job-performance, backed by hard data, would render the job-seeker immune from "peers" who would do him in. Imagine a physician's résumés thus "transformed":

Objective skills summary:

Highly experienced, talented, and dependable physician with 20 years' experience in: inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation; diagnostic stethoscopy; diagnostic electrocardiography; therapeutic cutaneous suture-science; diagnostic and therapeutic urinary catheterization; diagnostic and therapeutic sigmoidoscopy, etc.

Developed and implemented strategic and tactical diagnostic and therapeutic plans that resulted in the clinical improvement of the health of literally hundreds of patients.

Over 20 years, Examined and treated:

558 patients with pneumonia, 534 improved and discharged home, 22 transferred to tertiary-care facility for specialized care, 2 expired. 683 patients with suspected myocardial infarction, 567 ruled out and discharged, 93 treated promptly with thrombolytic therapy, improved, discharged home well, 18 seen too late, suffered myocardial damage, sent home with controlled cardiac failure, 5 expired in hospital... etc.

Developed and implemented diligent diagnostic and treatment plans that saved 1,345 patients' lives and that saved Saint Hillary's Regional Medical Center \$5,000,000 in unnecessary malpractice-settlements...etc.