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Dear Residents,

I want to introduce Student and Resident Development (SRD) to you. SRD has three full-time learning specialists to support students, residents, and fellows in their medical education. Some of the services we offer include:

1. **Step Exams, Inservice Exams, and Specialty Board Exams**
   - Developing a workable study schedule and managing time effectively, identifying relevant resources and how best to utilize them, and improving study and test-taking skills

2. **Curriculum Vitae**
   - Assisting with the construction of a cover letter, personal statement, and professional curriculum vitae

3. **Research Papers and Presentations**
   - Teaching the “how to’s” of research proposals, literature reviews, and developing manuscripts and presentations

4. **Workshops**
   - Holding workshops on specialized topics, including: Stress Management, Time Management, Test Preparation, Mechanical Ventilation

In particular, I want you to know about our individual learning specialists: Jody Kosanke, RRT-NPS, M.Ed., is the Coordinator of Student Development within SRD. Jody, a respiratory therapist, works primarily with MS1 Students. In addition to this work, she is leading monthly workshops for Medical Students and Residents in mechanical ventilation procedures. Athena Ganchorre, Ph.D., Learning Specialist is our newest addition. She is a molecular and cellular biologist and works primarily with MS2 students. I am Gail Pritchard, Ph.D., Interim Senior Learning Specialist. My area of expertise is with content literacy and I work primarily with Residents.

Whatever you are doing now, my job is to help you do better. I will meet with you one-on-one to plan a personalized study schedule and organize your time; I will work with you to improve test-taking skills by practicing STEP 3/Board-like questions; and I will introduce you to effective study strategies for STEP 3 and Board exams. You might choose to meet with me for one session to organize your study schedule and then tackle the rest on your own; you might choose to meet with me weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly depending on your schedule and needs. Whatever assistance you need, my job is to support your efforts for successful outcomes with STEP 3, In-service, and Specialty Board Exams.

SRD is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:00-5:00 and by appointment. For more information, please feel free to contact me through email or by phone.

Much success to each of you!

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