

McCoy

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Dr. Wayman C. McCoy  
Medical Center Room 706  
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Wayman:

Please accept my congratulations on being an intern at the Jersey City Medical Center. I visited your hospital briefly with Dr. Neals in August. Had no idea you were there as an intern. I worked with the chief of your GI service there in the American College of Gastroenterology.

Because your mother and father and I grew up together I feel very close to you. Of course I also knew your grandparents on both sides very well. I shall always be very happy to do anything I can to promote your progress in medicine.

I would like to suggest first that you make application to Cook County Hospital. You may know that it is the largest civilian hospital in the world, having about 3700 beds and is located in the Chicago Westside Medical Center where about a dozen hospitals and three of Chicago's five Medical Schools are located. I am on the Attending Staff in Gastroenterology and teach in the post graduate school there. Negro doctors have been trained and some of them are presently serving as Residents at Cook County Hospital. Write them for an application and let me know and I shall be happy to include a letter of sponsorship. At that time please send me information about your school, etc. I would get that in right away if I were you.

Secondly, Provident Hospital, primarily a Negro Hospital where I am also on the staff, has a good service in Obstetrics and Gynecology. There are two or three Board men on that service who are also on the faculty of local medical schools. If you should be selected there would be the possibility of spending one year in one of the other hospitals around town to round out your training. One of the Gynecologist at Provident is a PhD. in Endocrinology. While Provident is a much smaller hospital the Obstetrics and Gynecology service is proportionally high since it has a large out-patient department.

Expecting to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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