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I have worked with Timm as a resident and now a fellow over the past three years and it is my great pleasure to be able to nominate Timm for this award. Timm exemplifies the spirit of service to patients. He goes above and beyond in supporting multiple departments in his efforts to facilitate prompt patient care. I have seen him on multiple occasions forego or interrupt his lunch breaks to go and support ENT in their clinic so patients do not have to wait for lab staff to do intake on specimens. In the same vein I have seen him touch base with after hours staff when he is leaving to make sure pending cases are on their radar so patients are not left in limbo when the regular lab staff leave for the day.

In addition, he is a fixture of support for the clinical teams in the bone marrow transplant service as well as the clinical trials staff at Moores Cancer Center. Even though he has no official duty to these departments the members of their staff are often asking his help in routing patient samples because he is physically close by and knows the various people within the Pathology Department.

His duties within the department include facilitating the transfer of patient reports and diagnostic slides and tissue blocks to and from various institutions as patients come to UCSD for care. His efficiency and tenacity makes us able to truly say that we are doing our best to have patient's quickly evaluated and outside institutions quickly updated with critical medical information. He is often on the phone with multiple institutions in order to get our pathologists the correct material to confirm a patient's diagnosis so they can start treatment at our institution.

As is often the case in employment hierarchy Timm does not hold a title or compensation at the level he is performing and contributing to UCSD. If the best we can do is provide him these awards, then I think it is the least the institution can do to recognize his daily efforts. I hope this committee will seriously consider giving Timm this honor as he has earned it with all his hard work.