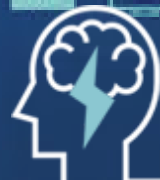


NEUROLOGY RESIDENCY PERSONAL STATEMENT SAMPLE



We know so much about the pathophysiology of the rest of the body, and yet so little about the workings of the brain. I have always been fascinated by human psychology and how it connects with neurobiology, relating trends in human behavior with tangible biological evidence.

However, despite much research, there is still very little known about how the brain processes information, stores it, and makes new connections. These processes are especially fascinating after an injury or disease, and my curiosity and desire to help patients with neurological disorders is what drives me to apply for this residency in Neurology.

Although I had completed my undergraduate research project in neurobiology, I still wasn't sure what I wanted to specialize in when I started medical school. However, during my surgery rotation, I was introduced to a patient with glioblastoma. I found myself fascinated by his case, and greatly interested in the treatment modalities underlying such an aggressive disease. Unfortunately, his surgery did not improve his condition, but I believe that the training I will receive through this residency combined with future research will improve the outlook for patients in similar situations.

My goal of becoming a clinician stemmed from my desire to help patients while contributing to the field of medicine. As a resident in Neurology, I will be trained in both components of my dream, acquiring skills in clinical medicine and surgery while also participating in cutting-edge research. Combining my knowledge in these two areas will allow me to integrate the latest in knowledge regarding the brain with established medical techniques, preparing me for future clinical trial work. This residency will be invaluable in allowing me to secure a fellowship in Neurooncology, where I will be able to further train to improve the outcomes of patients with aggressive growths in the brain.

