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Dear Dr. Rustgi:

I am pleased to let you know that Dr. Rotonya Carr actively participated in our recent Network of Minority Research Investigators (NMRI) 13th Annual Workshop, held on April 15-17, 2015, at Bethesda Marriott. Attendance to this annual workshop is through a selective process, and is granted only to promising minority investigators. The NMRI was established by The Office of Minority Health Research Coordination of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (<http://nmri.niddk.nih.gov/>). The NMRI serves to encourage and facilitate participation of members of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups in biomedical research, and to foster and enhance the potential of the underrepresented minority investigators choosing a biomedical research career.

As you are aware, increasing minority scientist and physician representation in our nation's academic medical centers is a priority of the NIH. Minority junior faculty members have highest attrition rates in academic medical centers and many of them cite the lack of an appropriate mentor as an important contributing factor to their failure. The purpose of the annual NMRI workshop is to assist junior minority faculty in developing the necessary skills to deal with many of the scientific and administrative problems and issues they will face in academic medicine, and to help pair them with mentors that will provide ongoing career advice.

The continued participation and involvement of Dr. Carr in these training and mentoring efforts will be key to the success of this program. I thank you for your support of this important NIH initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Y. Agodoa".

Lawrence Y. Agodoa, M.D.

Cc: Dr. Rotonya Carr