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Medical School Admission Essay

[A 13-year-old boy was rushed to the emergency room seven years ago when I was a surgical resident.] He was in a state of hemorrhagic shock at the time of arrival due to a fall from a height of three meters. We performed an emergency laparotomy, but there was severe liver injury and inferior vena cava injury. Blood flowed from his small body. We tried our best, but he did not survive. His family felt great and ineffable sorrow over his sudden death. Even now, I cannot forget their faces. Although I had dealt with many trauma cases previously, this boy's case made a deep impression on me, and it caused my own transformation. /// In order to improve the care of severe trauma patients and save as many people as possible, I developed a strong desire to engage in training in the USA, which is the most advanced country in the world for trauma and surgical critical care. [After graduating from the faculty of medicine,] I experienced a general surgical residency for four years at XXX Hospital. XXX Hospital is a rare hospital in Japan, in that it provides American-type medical training in collaboration with the University of Hawaii Medical School. After experiencing many surgeries, I received a high evaluation for my clinical ability and contribution to education, and I was awarded the "Outstanding Resident of the Year" prize when I was a chief resident. After completing my residency, I performed as a general surgeon for two years at XXX Hospital, which is located on a remote island in Japan, where I contributed to remote medical care. [Afterwards, I engaged in patient care and provided medical education to trainees for two years as a surgical supervisor at XXX/ XXX for the launch of the American-style training program in compliance with ACGME for the first time in Japan.]

Presently, I perform clinical work and education as an attending surgeon at XXX Hospital. [So far, I have experienced over 1,500 cases of surgery and served as a teaching assistant for over 300 cases. Furthermore, [I have been involved in many cases of general surgery related to trauma and surgical critical care. In addition, I have acquired surgical techniques and an enthusiasm for education.] As I am a hard worker, I am confident that I can definitely contribute to the clinical work and education at your facility.

My goal is to study trauma and surgical critical care in the US and disseminate that knowledge in Japan. As for the major problems in Japan, firstly, there are very few trauma surgeons and surgical critical care physicians in Japan. Secondly, most Japanese surgeons are surgical oncologists. In many regions, they perform trauma medical examination and surgical critical care in their spare time. Therefore, the quality of diagnosis and treatment is lower than in the United States, and there are large regional variations.

I want to obtain a variety of experiences at your hospital, which I can then take back to Japan in order to improve Japan's trauma patient care. In Japan, where there are few trauma surgeons, my long-term goal is to teach standard trauma practices to residents, develop many new trauma surgeons, and help serve the country's patients. I look forward to sharing my skills, knowledge and experience at your facility. I am ready for the challenge of fellowship and eager to obtain the opportunity from your institution.

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