

Reference letters for promotion- Steliga Promotion and Tenure Application UAMS

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Dr. Lara serves as the Chair for the Education Committee of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. We have worked together on that committee for three years, and I have been involved in projects through that committee.

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Dr. Dresler is a surgical oncologist and thoracic surgeon who retired from clinical duties due to health issues. Formerly an Associate Professor of Surgical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, we met while she served as the Head of Tobacco Control- Arkansas Department of Health. Currently she is the Associate Director FDA Center for Tobacco Products in Washington, DC. She also serves on the board of directors for the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. She has asked me to help with multiple projects related to tobacco control, epidemiology and tobacco cessation.

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Dr. Kernstine is a world leader in minimally invasive thoracic surgery and robotic surgery. He is an associate editor for the journal: Innovations- Technology and Techniques in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery and has asked me to serve as a reviewer for that journal.

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Dr. Jaquiss had been at UAMS-ACH but moved to Duke shortly after my arrival here. Although we had not worked together clinically, he has been a mentor to me in terms of career development.

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Dr. Tariq has been a mentor in terms of educational program development and is a leader in committees on which I serve. Her letter adds value from the educational perspective, particularly involvement on campus.

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Dr. Ozdemir is the colleague whom I work most closely with, in the clinical setting. His perspective adds value by commenting from a clinician's personal viewpoint.