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To whom it may concern,

Re: Dr. Shanker Mohan, FDSRCS, FFD(OS), MDS, Registrar, National  
Maxillofacial Unit, St. James's Hospital, James's Street, Dublin 8, Ireland  
DOB 16.06.1975  
Registrar 01 August 2003 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006

Dr. Shanker Mohan has worked with me as registrar for the last three years. He is an excellent clinician, surgeon and academic. He is a team player. He has passed his Fellowship in Dental Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons England and the Fellowship in Oral Surgery from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Shanker has lectured at surgical, medical and nursing meetings as well as being an invited lecturer on the National Plating course in Ireland. His lectures are always well received. He is involved in teaching dental students, interns (medical), junior colleagues and his peers. He has taught me a few things over the few years that we have worked together.

Shanker has published 7-8 papers and is writing 4 papers at present, of which two have already been submitted. He is a keen writer and when he agrees to undertake research gets on with it very fast and does it well.

Surgically, Shanker, has led the team, organising the rota, on-call and dealing with any of the administrative difficulties that arise in the busy National Maxillofacial Unit / University of Dublin (TCD) Teaching Hospital. He was elected to this position by his peers. The Unit is very busy

seeing > 1000 facial / craniofacial fractures, undertaking a minimum of 150 osteotomies and more than 70 head and neck cancer cases / year. He is competent in dentoalveolar surgery, facial trauma, tracheostomy, orthognathic surgery, alveolar bone grafting, temporomandibular surgery (ankylosis and tmj lock) and has undertaken mouth cancer surgery at a high level under supervision. He has an excellent pair of hands with a deft touch and an ability to see when problems might arise.

Shanker has a pragmatic approach to life and is able to differentiate between what is important and not so important. He is equally comfortable in an academic or a surgical area and will bring out the best of the team. He is a strong family man with good family values.

I can support him very strongly in his endeavours to build a career for himself in India. He has become a good colleague and friend.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any further information that you might require.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Stassen'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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