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To Whom It May Concern,

As the University continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19, or coronavirus, across the globe, we are taking steps to help improve our informational awareness and reduce the risk to our community state-wide.

After seeing what is happening with many professional meetings on a national level, speaking hospital leadership, and the Dean of the UConn School of Medicine, **it has been decided that effective immediately we are going to suspend all professional travel** and away electives for residents and fellows.

Much thought was given to this and we feel that this is in the best interest of our trainees, the programs, the hospitals, and with strong considerations given to the direct contact we have with high volumes of patients that rely upon us for care.

We ask that you please extend the courtesy of refunding hotel, registration and/or airline funds paid by our trainees for attending conferences given the magnitude and potential seriousness of the COVID-19 situation.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at siraco@uchc.edu.

Sincerely,

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