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Dear Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Education Committee:

This is a letter in support of Ms. Carin Waslo, MPH, who is applying for a scholarship to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting, May 27-30th in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Waslo joined our department in 2017 as a collaborator employed by the Portland VA Medical Center. She serves primarily as the program manager of a multi-site RCT funded by the National MS Society, Veteran Affairs, and Canadian MS Society, but also uses her education in research methodology and statistical analysis to assist her colleagues in a wide variety of MS related research projects.

Her enthusiasm, diligence and cooperative spirit have built trust and rapport amongst our department. Ms. Waslo has a track record of success in the planning and execution of clinical trials in MS. She has made valuable contributions to the growth of multiple studies and has facilitated collaborations with individuals outside the MS Center including experts in epilepsy, pharmacology, and pain medicine.

In 2019, Ms. Waslo lead was lead author of a review article, published in *Current Treatment Options in Neurology*, examining the current evidence for use of a number of antioxidant therapies in people with MS. Ms. Waslo collaborated on a manuscript, currently in review at the *Multiple Sclerosis Journal*, examining patterns of complementary and alternative medicine use in MS survey respondents from 2001 versus 2018, and performed the statistical analysis for a manuscript in preparation covering the use of exercise in the MS population.

I recommended the annual CMSC meeting to Ms. Waslo as the ideal meeting to meet MS practitioners and researchers of all kinds in order for her to deepen her knowledge about MS as she prepares for a dedicated career in MS research. Ms. Waslo has applied to share her expertise with the CMSC community at the 2020 annual meeting via a poster exploring the challenges and opportunities of recruitment in progressive MS clinical trials.

Ms. Waslo brings great value to our research and clinical efforts in the OHSU MS Center and will benefit from participating in the CMSC meeting. I highly recommend Ms. Waslo for the Annual Meeting Scholarship in order to allow her to continue her education in neuroscience and research.

Sincerely,

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