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This letter is in support of Dr. Javier Pou, Gastroenterologist. Dr. Pou has served as a member of the Augusta Health medical staff since March 2009. Dr. Pou joined our staff at a time when we had no official Gastroenterology service, and since his arrival, has been involved in the development of the GI service as well as setting a reputation for quality and excellence that has helped the service grow in referrals.

As a gastroenterologist, he performed over 800 endoscopic procedures in 2010, and I am happy to report that he had no cases involving perforations, post-polypectomy bleeding or death within 30 days of a procedure. His cecal intubation rate for all cases was found to be 96%. Withdrawal rates are above 6 minutes, with most around 20 minutes, with an adenoma detection rate of 34.5%. These rates are all consistent within ASGE quality guidelines.

While Dr. Pou is leaving his employment with Augusta Health/Augusta Medical Group, he remains a member in good standing with the medical staff.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet P. Mangun". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet P. Mangun
Vice-President, Medical Administration