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"Dr. Poluch exemplifies what it means to be a physician at an academic medical center dedicated to teaching the next generation of physicians. On the first day of my neurology clerkship, I was sent to see a patient independently, and during that time, the patient required more acute attention that did not allow me to complete my interaction or exam with the patient.

Dr. Poluch was part of the primary team, and she had never met me, nor was I her responsibility to teach. Despite this, she took me to the side to debrief the situation, and also walked me through the differential diagnosis for the patient, and why the plan was developed the way that it was. It was incredibly kind for her to go above and beyond to teach me, and makes me confident that she is going to be a STELLAR academic physician. I hope I'm lucky enough to work with her on my Internal Medicine rotation in the upcoming months!"

Submitted by a Medical Student
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