

We are all in this together

To my esteemed American peers,

In early 2017, I visited your hospital's neurology department and rehabilitation center for a short-term study. During this time, I was able to observe doctors working in the U.S.A. and learned about a variety of diseases, as well as your resident standardized training, medical system, and hospital management. I was impressed by a lot in your hospital and gained a lot of knowledge. Many people assisted me, especially Mrs. Lee from the International Department, Dr. Zeguang Ren in Neurosurgery at the hospital, and Dr. Betas in the rehabilitation center. Their kindness helped me a lot and made the experience more memorable.

COVID-19 has become a pandemic all over the world. It has created a disaster not only in China, but also in America. In the midst of the severe outbreak, as a doctor, I was not only sad and scared for my patients, but also scared for myself. Despite this, as it is our duty, many of my colleagues and I volunteered to support the fight against the epidemic in Wuhan, at our hospital fever clinic, and at the isolation hotels. Fortunately, thanks to the "early detection, early reporting, early isolation, early treatment" strategy, and the different degrees of lock down across all regions of the country, the outbreaks in China are mostly under control. After about 3 weeks we were able to resume production, with Wuhan returning to work after about 10 weeks. We finally got through this tough time.

However, unfortunately, the COVID-19 outbreak continues to spread quickly

around the world, especially in the United States. People are suffering from the virus as medical staff lack PPE, which makes me so nervous and anxious. My hopes are that the American people can overcome this epidemic as soon as possible, my peers are able to protect themselves from infection, and that the United States will recover soon. So, like the many other Chinese medical professionals who previously studied in the United States and have donated PPE to their American friends, I would like to donate masks to you in the hope that you, my honored peers, are able to protect yourselves from infecting COVID-19. I hope you all are safe!

God bless you!

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