



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As you know, \_\_\_\_\_ has requested that you serve as their supervisor during their candidacy at MIP. On behalf of the Training Committee and for MIP, we thank you for your interest and efforts in serving in this position.

As a supervisor, you will be expected to meet regularly with this candidate to supervise the psychoanalytic treatment of a control case. MIP has an official policy that both the first and second control cases must receive weekly supervision. For the third case, weekly supervision is strongly recommended. We encourage candidates and supervisors to discuss and develop learning goals. In addition, we recommend that, from time to time, supervisor and supervisee collaboratively discuss the supervisory process itself.

We also suggest that supervisors and candidates assess in a collaborative way the candidate's overall progress towards a psychoanalytic understanding and practice. Areas that might be discussed would include such things as the establishment of an analytic relationship and analytic frame; the opening, deepening, and containment of emotion by both participants; the meaning and use of interpretations; and the variety of ways that transference and countertransference can be experienced and understood. Difficulties as well as achievements in the candidate's development should be a part of this dialogue.

As a MIP supervisor, you will be expected to serve as a member of this candidate's Candidate Advisory Committee (CAC). This committee consists of the candidate, advisor (if any), all the candidate's supervisors, and the Liaison to the Training Committee. The CAC meets at least once per year to review the candidate's academic and clinical progress. The meeting is organized and facilitated by the Liaison. In addition, the CAC must meet before the candidate begins work on his or her first control case. Please go to the MIP website members page for more detailed CAC guidelines.

Please Note: Candidates are required to submit the Analyst Form, the Supervisor Form for each supervisor, and the Informed Consent Form for each control to Sami. Control case hours start once the candidate's analyst, control and supervisor forms have been signed and submitted.

MIP requires that all candidates complete a Final Project as part of their analytic training. This is often, but not always, a written document. Supervisors are expected to participate in the Final Project process. For further details, please refer to the Final Project section of the MIP website.

From time to time, the Training Committee organizes meetings for all those who supervise MIP candidates. In addition to addressing matters of policy and procedure, these meetings are an opportunity to discuss larger questions and issues around analytic training and the supervisor's role. While recognizing how busy our supervisors must be, we encourage you to attend whenever such meetings take place.

Thank you for agreeing to supervise a MIP candidate. We appreciate your role in their training and welcome your participation in MIP.

Yours sincerely,  
Co-chairs, Training Committee