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RE: The Plastic Surgery Center Brentwood, Brentwood (Davidson County), TN - CN2405-013

Dear Mr. Grant,

We are writing a letter of support for changing the single specialty of plastic surgery only to a multi-specialty ASTC for the Plastic Surgery Center in Brentwood.

We understand this Certificate of Need application will be heard by the on July 29, 2024. Allow us to introduce ourselves and share our history of practicing our specialties in our community.

I, Dr Deborah Sherman, am a Board-Certified Ophthalmologist and Fellowship Trained Oculoplastic Surgeon who has been practicing in the Nashville area since 1991. My original office was located at 4306 Harding Rd Suite 106 and 2 years ago, we moved to a new office located at 28 White Bridge Pike Suite 205, Nashville, TN 37205.

I have known Dr. John Moore for over 30 years and have shared many patients in combined surgical and medical care during that time. Because of this extensive experience with his excellent care over decades, I have great respect for his high intellectual acumen, surgical judgement and skills, and compassionate care. I have known Dr. Sarosiek for the last 8 years and have less experience with him professionally, but all experiences over that time have been positive.

I, Dr Mark Melson, am a Board-Certified Ophthalmologist and Fellowship Trained Oculoplastic Surgeon who has been practicing in the Nashville area since 2008. From that time until 2014, I was a full-time faculty member at Vanderbilt Eye Institute then entered private practice and ultimately joined Dr. Sherman in practice in 2016 where I remain today.



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I have known Dr. Moore since coming to Nashville in 2008 and have previously shared operating room days with him at a surgery center where his experience and skill was obvious by the high regard in which he was held by the OR staff. We have shared patients over the years, and I have nothing but respect for his clinical acumen. Likewise, I have known Dr. Sarosiek since he joined Dr. Moore in practice and his reputation in the surgical community is excellent.

There is no doubt that the Multi-specialty ASTC will allow us to collaborate and elevate quality of care for patients that have needs for oculoplastic and general plastic surgery. This would allow for one general anesthesia and reduce repeat surgeries and revision surgeries because synergy of care with more than one specialty can occur in one setting.

Often, patients with facial tumors, trauma, or other medical conditions have needs for reconstructive surgery that affects the entire face, and the delicate area of the eyes and nose. No one specialist can address these issues. This often necessitates the need for a Board-certified, fellowship trained plastic surgeon, a Board-certified ophthalmologist and fellowship trained oculoplastic surgeon, and a Board-certified ear, nose and throat surgeon to work together, often in providing combined surgical procedures.

To be able to bring this high level of combined specialist care would elevate the quality of care, improve efficiency of delivery, and provide medical care cost savings that we can offer in the middle Tennessee area. We have great respect and admiration for Drs. Moore and Sarosiek and their OR team to lead this clinical offering and maintain excellence if given the opportunity. We appreciate your consideration of this expansion of The Plastic Surgery Center of Brentwood and feel strongly that it will benefit our patients' quality of life and care.

Respectfully submitted,

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