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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.

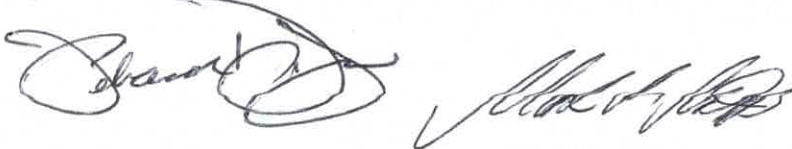
There is no doubt that the Multi-specialty ASTC will allow us to collaborate and elevate quality of care for patients that have needs for oculoplastic and general plastic surgery. This would allow for one general anesthesia and reduce repeat surgeries and revision surgeries because synergy of care with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

Deborah D Sherman M. D. and Mark Melson M. D.



Cc: John Moore, MD
Michael Brent



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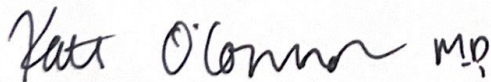
I am Dr. Kate O'Connor, a facial plastic surgeon in practice in Nashville. I am emailing to stress the importance of expanding the certificate of need for The Plastic Surgery Center Brentwood.

I am one of the surgeons who desires to use this Facility. A robust and encompassing CON allows for surgeon collaboration across specialties thus saving the patients and facilities money, time, and administrative burden. Patient ease of scheduling and convenience are also important factors. My patients do not require admission. Approximately half of my surgical patients come from out-of-state and stay one or two weeks. They rent hotels and contribute to the tourism economy. Having convenient, accredited facilities makes their decision to choose surgery in Nashville over a surgeon in another city easier. My local patients are obviously very important to me as fellow Tennesseans.

Having trained in Houston, TX as well as New York City, NY I chose Nashville for my practice location based on the city's reputation as a hub for healthcare excellence. When the move was complete, I was shocked and disappointed by the lack of operating room time and availability. One of the main hospital systems told me to not even bother applying for credentialing with them for admission privileges because there was no OR block time available, they did not anticipate any block time becoming available in the reasonable future, and the at-will/add-on operating time was in such demand it would be extremely unlikely to filter down to me. I have now been here three years and there is still no designated OR block available at the facilities where I am credentialled. My colleagues who have been here longer than I have were granted time only to have it taken away a few months later. This is a challenge for my patients who have difficulty coordinating their own lives around hoping for a surgery date that is released last minute when another surgeon does not fill the day. There is a true need and sufficient volume to support the expanded CON.

Thank you for your consideration of this application, as this expansion of The Plastic Surgery Center Brentwood will be beneficial for my patients and the community of physicians and surgeons.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate O'Connor MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kate" being more prominent.

Kate O'Connor MD