

Metro East Endoscopic Surgery Center

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Fairview Heights IL 62208

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

May 8, 2019

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield IL 62761

Dear Ms. Avery,

Enclosed please find letters of support for the addition of subspecialties to MetroEast Endoscopic Surgery Center. The application project number is # 19-010. These letters are from existing patients, the mayor of Fairview Heights, and the CEO of a nonprofit organization that takes care of Medicaid patients in the area. As you can tell from these letters, there is great local support for the addition of subspecialties to our surgery center. Given the immense amount of need for these subspecialties in the area, this will be a boom to patient care for Southern Illinois.

Sincerely,



Shakeel Ahmed, M.D.,
Metro East Endoscopic Surgery Center



From the office of the Mayor
Mark T. Kupsky

10025 Bunkum Road ♦ Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208 ♦ Phone: (618) 489-2000 ♦ www.cofh.org

May 2, 2019

Attn: Review Board

As the Mayor of Fairview Heights, Illinois, I fully support the expansion of subspecialty surgery to Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, located in our City. MESC has been providing excellent care to our patients of our community and the surrounding area for the last several years and are actively involved in providing care for charity patients and also for state Medicaid patients. MESC is actually the only entity that I am aware of, in the area that provides Medicaid services for gastrointestinal procedures outside of the local hospitals. I certainly welcome the expansion of MESC to serve the community, especially making these invaluable services available to our residents and those in need.

I wholeheartedly support the addition of subspecialties to the MESC. This will be a great boost to patient case and provide services to indigenous patients' care who otherwise cannot get access to these surgeries at other locations.

Regards,

Mark T. Kupsky
Mayor



Southern Illinois Regional Wellness Center

A Health Care Organization Building a Healthy Community

May 7, 2019

Dr. Shakeel Ahmed
Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center
5023 No. Illinois Street
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

Re: Subspecialty Surgery

Dear Dr. Ahmed:

On behalf of Southern Illinois Regional Wellness Center, I would like to lend my support for the addition of subspecialty surgery to Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center, (MESC). MESC has been providing excellent care to our patients for the last several years and are actively involved in providing care for charity patients and also for state Medicaid patients.

MESC is actually the only entity in the area that provides Medicaid services for gastrointestinal procedures outside of the hospitals. With the need for adding specialties to this underserved and underinsured population, I wholeheartedly support the addition of subspecialties to the ASC. This will be a great boost to indigenous patients' care who otherwise cannot get access to these surgeries at other locations. Please do not hesitate to call me, if Southern Illinois Regional Wellness Center or I can do anything else to support your expansion of services.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Freeland".

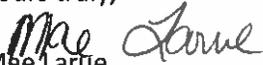
Mark Freeland
Executive Director

May 2, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center. It is a specialty gastroenterology ASC in our town, and I am informed that it is trying to add subspecialties including Gynecology and Surgery to its list. I wholeheartedly support that concept because there is a big need for these specialities in our town, and it is very hard to obtain most of these services at the local hospitals easily.

Yours truly,


Mae Lartie

(Patient)

Scott Kocurek
317 Eiler Road
Belleville, IL 62223

May 8, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to lend my support for the addition of subspecialty surgery to Metro East Endoscopic Surgery Center. MESC has been providing excellent care to patients for the last several years and are actively involved in providing care for charity patients and also for state Medicaid patients. MESC is actually the only entity in the area that provides Medicaid services for gastrointestinal procedures outside of the hospitals. With the need for adding specialties to the underprivileged population within St. Clair County and surrounding communities, I wholeheartedly support the addition of subspecialties to the ASC. This will be a great boost to indigenous patients' care who otherwise cannot get access to these surgeries at other locations.

Sincerely,



Scott Kocurek

(Patient)

May 2, 2019

I am writing to support the addition of surgery specialties to Metroeast Endoscopic Surgery Center. I have been a patient of MESC for eight years, and I have nothing but good reviews to give for this surgery center. They provide excellent service, and I am well aware that the costs are much lower than local hospitals. The times to get our procedures there are very quick as well and efficient at the same time. I am told of the specialties they are trying to add, and I know that we would benefit tremendously in our area if these specialties were added to the surgery center.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Schilling". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name "(Patient)".

(Patient)