

Testimony for Weiss Memorial Hospital

Good morning/afternoon. My name is Amjad Sheikh, and I am the Chief Cardiology and past President of Medical Staff who has been affiliated with Weiss Memorial Hospital since the 1980s. I have worked for U of C in 1990's, 2000's and now in private practice.

When I was a little boy growing up in my hometown of Lahore, Pakistan, there was a family physician whom my family visited for care. I watched the way he conducted himself with his patients. He was always very caring and very confident. That impressed me very much, and I wanted to be like him.

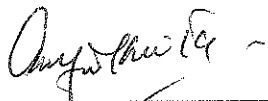
I chose the field of cardiology because I like the matters of the heart. It's been wonderful to practice at Weiss for all these years. Weiss is a solid community hospital that is also a teaching hospital, providing excellent care from excellent physicians.

As a relatively small hospital, Weiss delivers care that is more personal—patients don't get lost in the hallways or in the system. Patients know who their doctors are.

We have great reason to be proud of Weiss and the role it plays in our community.

I think that the future of Weiss will be determined by its past. We have longevity. Weiss is here to stay because of the strong community support.

I support the change of ownership now because the lead individual is a physician with hands on experience in healthcare delivery and he seems to understand physician needs and concerns. I'm looking forward to successful transition and strong investment in clinical progress and infrastructure.



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