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RE: Peer Reference for Tushar Shah, MD

To Whom It May Concern:


*I became acquainted with Dr. Tushar Shah when he began practicing cardiology at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky in November of 2013. I am the Chief Medical Officer of this facility that serves Eastern Kentucky and I also serve on its leadership board. I additionally maintain an independent internal medicine practice at this hospital. Our hospital in its effort to enhance the development of its cardiovascular program retained CardioSolution to recruit locum cardiologists to practice in our community. Our aim was to increase both the volume and quality of cardiac care at our facility and eventually develop an interventional cardiology program.*

*Although he worked as a locum cardiologist at our facility, Dr. Shah soon became part of the fabric of our hospital. He delivers exceptional care to his patients and is well respected by our medical staff. He is responsible for obtaining accreditation of our echocardiography and nuclear cardiology labs. He is a champion for quality and strives to lead by example. Our emergency room appreciated his quick response for consultation. As trust was established, our physicians and our patient base became more comfortable undergoing invasive procedures at our facility rather than travelling elsewhere for their care. His affability quickly built a large referral base. He remained collegial with and respectful of other cardiovascular providers who were previously established in our community.*

*I have watched him skillfully manage many complex patients at our facility, which previously would have been transferred out. My father was one such patient. He has congestive heart failure in the setting of aortic valve stenosis. His comorbidities limit his candidacy for surgical replacement of his valve. Dr. Shah was patient with my father and demonstrated great compassion in his care. He gained his trust, which is no small feat. Through Dr. Shah's motivation, my father began to work with physical therapy and regain his vitality and spirit for life that had become diminished by his illness. I am enormously grateful for his care. He demonstrates the same level of individualized and humanistic care to all his patients. He is greatly missed by his patients and our medical staff. I personally miss his sense of humor and camaraderie.*

*I anticipate that Dr. Shah will continue to make contributions to any facility that he affiliates with. I can be reached at 606-791-0552, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Sincerely,

  
Anthony Stumbo, MD