



June 9, 2023

Heather Lyn Cugini, M.D.



Dear Dr. Cugini:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”) has decided to issue you a medical license. However, as a result of information reviewed while evaluating your license application, the Board has also decided to issue you a public letter of concern. The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your license.

The Board is concerned that on September 11, 2019, you entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Missouri Board (“Missouri Settlement Agreement”) in which you were reprimanded. The Missouri Board’s action was based on your failure to properly manage the labor and birth of two different mothers and their infants. Specifically, the Missouri Board found that your care constituted conduct or practice that is, or might be, harmful or dangerous to a patient due to:

- a. Your failure to examine or attend to Patient A (referred to as “Patient 1” in the Missouri Settlement Agreement) during labor and to appropriately treat the risk of infection in Patient A during labor; and
- b. Your failure to examine or attend to Patient B (referred to as “Patient 3” in the Missouri Settlement Agreement) during a trial of labor after cesarean delivery and reliance on nursing staff to counsel Patient B about fetal monitoring and amnioinfusion.

The Board notes that your care of Patients A and B took place in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

The Board urges you to take steps to ensure the conduct giving rise to the Board’s concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may take additional action against your North Carolina license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be reviewed in determining the appropriate action.

This public letter of concern is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Sincerely,

Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D., Ph.D.
President

MRK/DTB/jhg

Consent and Waiver

I, Heather Lyn Cugini, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the above matter. I hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this public letter of concern be served on me.

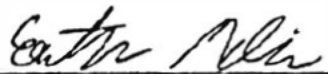
Consented to this the 9th day of June, 2023.


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Heather Lyn Cugini, M.D.

State of Missouri
County of Cape Girardeau

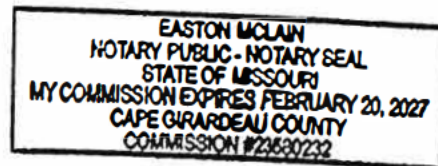
I, Easton McClain, do hereby certify that Heather Lyn Cugini, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 9 day of June, 2023.


Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: Feb 20, 2027



North Carolina Medical Board