

# Physician MEMO

To | Novant Health Greater Winston-Salem Market Physicians and Employees

CC | All Novant Health Leaders

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Re | Novant Health to Receive CON for Clemmons Medical Center

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I am delighted to tell you that Novant Health and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC) are announcing today that an agreement has been reached to resolve all litigation involving several Certificate of Need (CON) applications that had been filed with the state seeking approval to build hospitals in western Forsyth and Davie County.

Under the agreement, Novant Health will be able to build a 50-bed hospital in Clemmons, and WFUBMC will be able to build a 50-bed hospital in Advance. WFUBMC may also, if it chooses, file a new application to build a critical access hospital with up to 25 beds in Mocksville.

This agreement makes it possible for both organizations to move ahead with plans that will bring convenient access to new, high quality medical, surgical and emergency care closer to residents of Forsyth, Davie and Yadkin counties. It will also result in hundreds of millions of dollars in new investment and hundreds of new jobs to these areas.

Novant Health is very pleased that this agreement will now allow both medical centers to proceed, along with the possibility of a future critical access hospital in Mocksville.

Hospital construction will occur in phases, with neither organization being permitted to open inpatient beds sooner than seven years after the state issues a CON. Other services – such as outpatient surgery, diagnostic imaging and emergency department services – can be offered sooner. Each organization will develop its own plans and timelines for facility construction, which the state must approve before the work can begin.

You might wonder how this news will affect our current Kernersville Medical Center construction project. The answer is that it won't. That medical center is on track to be completed by the end of 2010 and open in early 2011.

You might also wonder how this news will affect Medical Park Hospital, which is a great source of pride to Novant Health and to our community given that it's consistently a state and national leader in quality and patient satisfaction. The current facility is almost 40 years old and will eventually need to be modified or replaced. No changes are currently planned, but having the

flexibility to relocate some services to Clemmons over time should be helpful as we continue exploring our long-term needs and opportunities there.

As for our next steps in Clemmons, you may recall that the Village Council had approved the rezoning of land for our proposed 124-acre campus plan in July. The site will include areas for a hospital, elementary school, greenways, walking trails, retail and residential uses, and a public park with a pond. We will now be able to start developing specific plans for services there, which later will be brought to the Planning Board and Council for site plan approval. We will keep you informed about these plans as they proceed.

This is an exciting and historic moment for Novant Health and for residents of these communities. Your continued strong support has helped make it happen. Thank you!

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