

Physician MEMO

To | All Providers
From | Jeff Lindsay, President, Forsyth Medical Center & COO, Greater Winston-Salem Market
Date | May 5, 2011
Re | First Construction Phase of Clemmons Medical Center

I am pleased to tell you that Novant Health is announcing today that it will build an emergency department, outpatient imaging center, ambulatory surgery center and primary and specialty medical offices as part of the first phase of construction for our Clemmons Medical Center campus. We anticipate construction to begin in 2012 and be completed by 2013, pending the required approval processes.

The new 35,000 square foot, two-story facility will be located near the interchange of Interstate 40 and Harper Road. It will include a 12-bay emergency department delivering 24/7 emergency care and urgent care services, as well as an outpatient imaging center with advanced CT scan, x-ray and ultrasound technology and an outpatient surgery center. The imaging center will support both the on-site emergency department and local medical practices with their diagnostic imaging needs.

In the coming months, Novant Health and our physician partners will continue working together to develop and refine plans to bring these services and others closer to residents of western Forsyth, Davie and Yadkin counties. The need to move forward with our plans already exists and will continue to grow. Consider that our Winston-Salem hospitals already serve a majority of residents of those areas for their inpatient needs, and that during 2011 the seven Novant Medical Group practices located in those areas will have nearly 100,000 patient visits.

Other benefits to patients and communities will include that opening an emergency department in Clemmons will help to reduce pressure on other area hospital emergency departments, reducing waiting times and helping to ensure prompt delivery of care for all patients. The Clemmons ED is expected to have about 15,000 patient visits annually.

In addition, this first phase of development will bring new jobs -- an estimated 80 full-time positions. Future development of the 26-acre site will include inpatient and other hospital-based services that will eventually bring an estimated 400 jobs and tremendous economic benefits to area. According to the state's Certificate of Need agreement with Novant Health, inpatient services would not be able to open at the Clemmons campus before 2017, which is why we are taking a phased approach to the construction plans.

Thank you for your continued support on behalf of our future Clemmons Medical Center campus. You helped to make it happen, and this is a day to celebrate our progress.