

# Physician **MEMO**

**To** | All General & Vascular Surgeons

**From** | W. Scott Berger, MD – Section Chief, General Surgery

**cc:** Bruce D. Walley, MD, Linda Lewis, RN, MSA

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**Re** | **General Surgery Beds – 7-East and 5-General**

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Within the next two weeks, we will be losing six beds on 7-East, but gaining eight to ten beds on 5-General.

The Neurology service needs to expand in order to have an epilepsy monitoring unit, and 7-East has been identified as the only good location. This will result in us losing roughly half of that unit. However, after working with Linda Lewis and others at Forsyth, we have arranged to open the East Tower side of 5-General, as an extension of 5-East. I have been assured that these rooms are already refurbished, and are only waiting to have the call bells rerouted to 5-East. The plan will be to open those beds, with surgical floor nurses staffing them, as our census increases.

The longer term plan is to use this as the first step in our transition to a single unit for our patients; 5-General. Ms. Lewis has assured me that she will work with us toward this goal.