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Catharine W. Cumber
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Exempt from Review

Record #: 2070
Facility Name: Duke University Hospital
FID #: 943138
Project Description: Replace nurse call system
County: Durham

Dear Ms. Cumber:


The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letters of September 28, 2016, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S 131E-184(g). Therefore, you may proceed to offer, develop or establish the above referenced project without a certificate of need.

However, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Agency. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,


Bernetta Thorne-Williams
Project Analyst


Martha J. Frisone, Assistant Chief
Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR
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 **Duke University Health System**

Catharine W. Cummer
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September 28, 2016

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Martha Frisone
Certificate of Need Section
Division of Health Service Regulation
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

Re: Exemption Notice/Duke University Hospital

Dear Ms. Frisone:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of a project at Duke University Hospital and to request confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review.

Duke anticipates that it will spend approximately \$7.2 million to implement a replacement nurse call system used throughout the Duke North bed tower and other areas on the main hospital campus as described below. This replacement will include a system that will support the real time location of nurses and other staff, assets such as patient beds, and other equipment tagged by Clinical Engineering. Wireless phones will also be implemented in areas where they are not currently employed. The existing nurse call system, originally installed in the 1990s, has reached the end of its useful life and is in critical need of replacement; the vendor no longer supports the system, so replacement components are challenging to obtain. While we do not have specific evidence that the existing equipment was acquired pursuant to a certificate of need, we believe that at the time of acquisition of the various system components, they either did not require a certificate of need given the cost and/or were acquired and installed as part of larger projects for which certificates of need were obtained as appropriate.

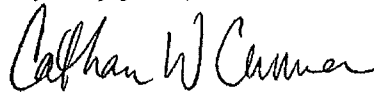
Duke University Hospital is a licensed hospital and is therefore an existing licensed health service facility. The "main campus" of Duke University Hospital, defined in N.C.G.S. 131E-176(14n) to include both "[t]he site of the main building from which a licensed health service facility provides clinical patient services and exercises financial and administrative control over the entire facility, including the buildings and grounds adjacent to that main building" and "[o]ther areas and structures that are not strictly contiguous to the main building but are located within 250 yards of the main building," includes the physically contiguous structure that includes Duke South, Duke North, the Duke Children's Hospital, the Duke Medical Pavilion, the Morris Clinic, the Duke Cancer Center, the Wadsworth Building, and the

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new Hudson Building, and other areas within 250 yards of that structure. Duke University Hospital's chief executive officer and administrative team (as well as the Duke University Health System chancellor) currently have their offices within the Duke South section of this facility. Duke North, where the nurse call system is primarily going to be implemented, is the site of the majority of Duke University Hospital's inpatient beds and shared operating rooms. A campus map is available upon request.

We would appreciate your confirmation that this project is exempt from certificate of need review. If you have questions about this information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Catharine W. Cummer

Effective January 01, 2016, this license is issued to
Duke University Health System, Inc.

to operate a hospital known as
Duke University Hospital
located in Durham, North Carolina, Durham County.

This license is issued subject to the statutes of the
State of North Carolina, is not transferable and shall remain
in effect until amended by the issuing agency.

Facility ID: 943138

License Number: H0015

Bed Capacity: 957

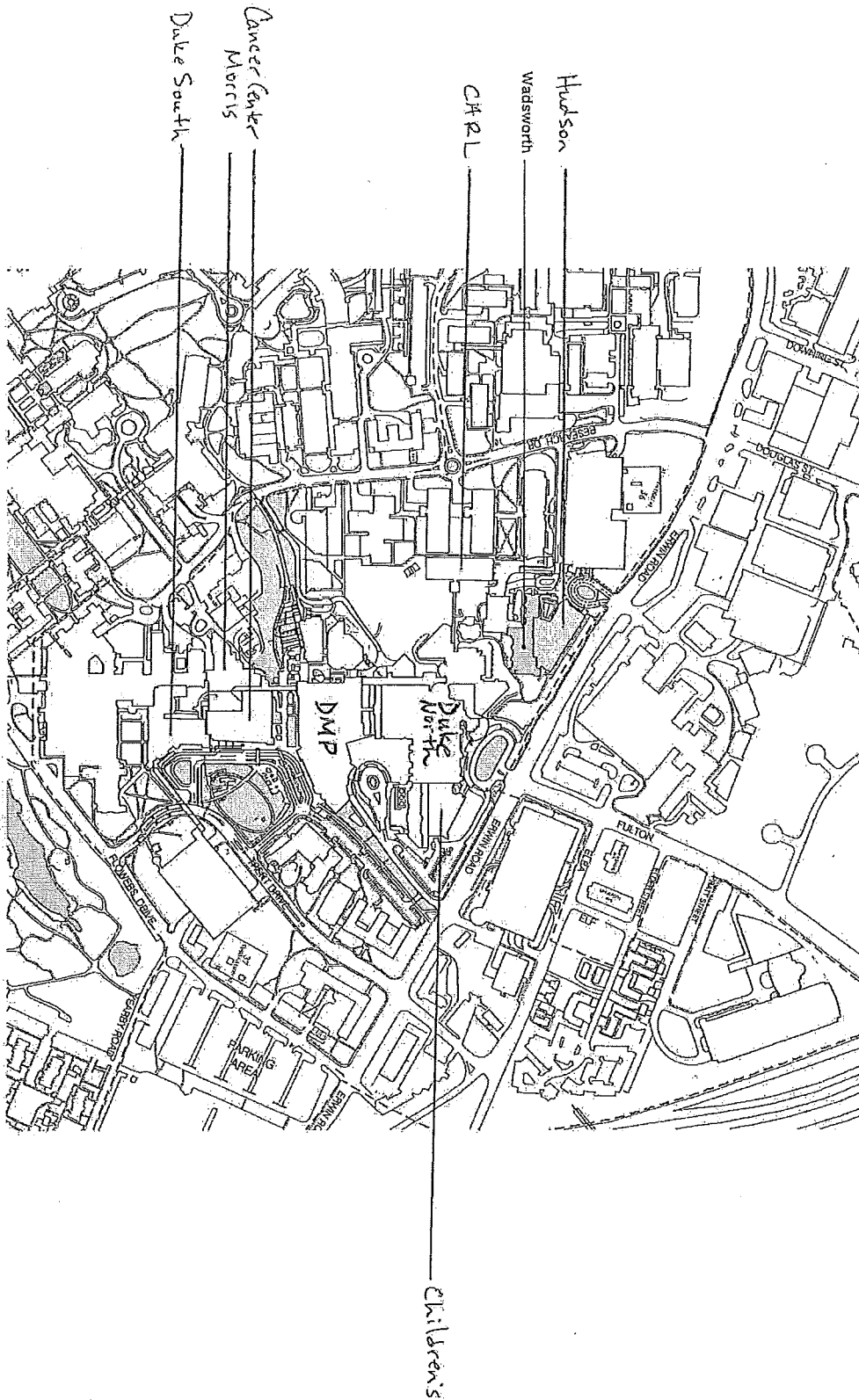
General Acute 938, Psych 19,

Dedicated Inpatient Surgical Operating Rooms: 6

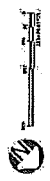
Dedicated Ambulatory Surgical Operating Rooms: 9

Shared Surgical Operating Rooms: 50

Dedicated Endoscopy Rooms: 10



Campus Plan
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