

I am a board member of Wake Smiles Clinic, a 501-C3 not for profit that aims to help those who are at the 200% poverty level or greater to receive much needed dental care. I am writing to express my strong reservations about the wisdom of the proposed SONO project.

I believe my colleague Dr. Nazir Ahmad outlined below the major concerns and I will copy him below:

Board Members,

1. Like you, I have received several emails introducing "Solferino North" (SoNo) ambulatory surgery center. Their most recent emails encourage us to contact the NC Division of Health Service Regulation urging them to grant a Certificate of Need, (CON) to Solferino North. According to the Soferino North advertisements, Soferino seeks to address the dental needs of children in North Carolina and provide a viable solution for patients to access dental care. Keep that phrase in mind: **improve "access to dental care"**
2. If the investors behind SoNo are so interested in the children of North Carolina having access to dental care, why would they locate their ambulatory surgery center in one of the wealthiest counties in North Carolina?
3. If they are so interested in children's access to dental care, what is the purpose of investing in a 3D CBCT and stock their inventory with Nobel Biocare surgery instrumentation?
4. How does Solferino seek to help these financially strapped patients with the newest and best high tech dentistry located in North Raleigh?
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"As Wake Smiles board members, you and I both know the largest impediment to dental care for children and adults is the lack of financial ability to pay for needed dental care. I am concerned that access to dental care for indigent and financially stressed families and their children is not the driving force behind this new for-profit ambulatory surgery center. This project needs to be called for what it is: A multi-million dollar for profit multi-specialty surgery center with the aims to charge out large amounts of anesthesia to patients, insurances, and the government. My fear is that the net will result in lower available funds from insurance companies and governments to allocate to true **access to care** dental clinics like Wake Smiles. "

"I encourage all of you to speak up about this project. I would rather have these private investors retract from this project and donate to centers like "Wake Smiles" to truly improve **access to care.** "

Please Ms. Fisk, take all of our voiced concerns into consideration. We need support for clinics such as Wake Smiles to help provide access to dental care for children and adults who need it and cannot afford it and not to divert the much needed funds and financial support to high end multi-million dollar for profit complexes such as the proposed SoNo project. I urge you to pass these concerns to all involved.

Thank you

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