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Medical Facilities  
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July 31, 2008

Ms. Carol G. Potter  
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Dear Ms. Potter:

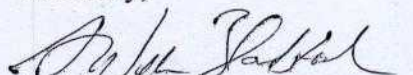
We in the Department of Radiation Oncology of Wake Forest University Health Sciences are writing to express our opposition to a CON proposal allowing a linear accelerator to be installed in a urology outpatient facility in Wake County.

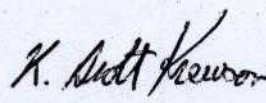
Currently, Wake County is well-served by 4 linac centers capable of IMRT/IGRT therapy for prostate cancer. The proposed facility is within 2 miles of the existing Wake Radiation and Oncology center and in close proximity to the Research Triangle that has two academic departments at UNC and Duke. All centers mentioned accept indigent patients. Thus, there is no additional need for the proposed center at Cary Urology.

Because we utilize a multi-disciplinary model at Wake Forest, we strongly feel that cancer patients need to remain in the care of the physicians who manage their overall disease in a comprehensive manner. This situation with the urologists and other specialties becomes further complicated if the physician self refers patients to the physician owned linac facility. The ancillary service referral exemption is under discussion with Medicare at this time.

If we may be of further service, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

  
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