

North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council  
c/o Certificate of Need and Health Planning Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation

**Cape Fear Valley Health System - Proposed 2018 SMFP Public Hearing Comments**

Good afternoon, my name is David L Tolentino. I am the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine at Campbell University. I am here today to offer Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine support of Cape Fear Valley Health System's petition for one operating room in Cumberland County in the 2018 State Medical Facilities Plan.

The Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine enrolled its inaugural class in August 2013. Cape Fear began accepting residents in five new residency programs from Campbell this month. Two of our new residency programs at Cape Fear; general surgery and OBGYN; will impact future utilization of the operating rooms at Cape Fear. Beginning this month, we have four general surgery residents and three OBGYN residents. This is expected to increase to 20 General Surgery residents and 16 OBGYN residents by 2020.

Teaching in the operating rooms at Cape Fear Valley will increase surgical case times. That is a given. We just do not know at this point how much case times will increase. Cape Fear's operating rooms currently are well utilized and additional capacity is needed. We support their Petition for an additional operating room. This will assure that sufficient capacity is available for teaching AND that teaching our future surgeons does not result in delays and cancellations for other surgical patients at Cape Fear.

While the full impact of our new program is unknown, we do know that the medical school at Campbell and the residency program at CFVMC will have a real and significant impact, producing new physicians in south central and southeastern North Carolina.

We at Campbell support Cape Fear Valley's request that a need for one additional operating room in Cumberland County be reflected in the 2018 SMFP. This would allow CFVHS to apply for a CON to expand surgical services in 2018 such that surgical capacity will be available in 2020 to meet the needs of our surgical residents. It is important that any new operating room in Cumberland County be available for the residents at CFVMC and that they are available soon.

I support this Petition and I thank you for your time.