

Doctor Green,

I am writing to oppose the Wilmington Health LLC group opening additional OR space in Onslow County, NC. My understanding is Onslow Memorial Hospital has the capacity to fulfil the area's surgery needs, and clearly the opening of additional capacity further dilutes the service capability of the established hospital in the area. Further removing the more financially viable cases will dramatically decrease the established local hospital's ability to supply the necessary medical services to the local community.

If Onslow Memorial is forced to close due to loss of additional income from their surgical suites, the local population will need to travel significant distances to obtain needed medical treatment. This hospital is critical to the well-being of the local residents. Therefore, I am strongly opposed to the opening of additional surgical suites in an outpatient setting, which will directly deprive the local residents of needed medical care.

Respectfully,

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