

Letter of Opposition to Project 12-101
February 28, 2013



Mr. Dale Galassie, Chair
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

RE: Project 12-101 Trinity Rock Island Heart Center and Emergency Department,
Rock Island

Dear Mr. Galassie:

Genesis Medical Center, Illini ("GMC, Illini") Silvis, Illinois and Genesis Medical Center, Davenport ("GMC, Davenport") support Trinity's proposed emergency department expansion, particularly the addition of the crisis stabilization unit and safe rooms for persons with behavioral health illnesses as well. Providing a safe space for patients with these issues would be a welcome addition to the community.

Furthermore, while Genesis can support the renovation of their existing cath labs, we oppose their request to add a fourth cath lab (actually the **community's 5th cath lab**) as part of their Heart Center project. Genesis is opposed to the addition of a fifth lab to the community's cath lab capacity for the following reasons:

The addition represents an unnecessary duplication of existing resources (4 labs in operation at present).

1. There is unused cath lab capacity in Rock Island County and HSA 10

GMC, Illini has unused cath lab capacity available to serve the community. Both GMC, Illini and Trinity are served by the same group of cardiologists (Cardiology and Vascular Medicine, CVMed) and both medical centers provide the same diagnostic and invasive cardiac catheterizations. Therefore, it would not be difficult to have the cardiologists perform more procedures at GMC, Illini. This would alleviate the burden on Trinity and result in a savings of approximately \$3.3 million in health care expense.¹

¹ Healthcare savings estimated as follows: One fourth of the \$3,067,859 in cath lab construction plus \$2.5 in equipment.



2. There isn't enough volume to justify the addition of a fifth cath lab to the community's supply of cardiac cath labs.

The volumes reported by GMC, Illini and Trinity in the Annual Hospital Questionnaires for CY 2009, 2010 and 2011 (Table 1), shows there is not enough volume to justify the addition of a fifth cath lab to existing capacity. Using CY 2011 numbers, GMC, Illini and Trinity had a total of 4,890 procedures, which indicates a need for 3.26 cath labs (or 4 labs to be safe) based on the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board's standard of 1,500 procedures per lab. There are four functioning cath labs available in HSA 10 (Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties). Consequently, the addition of a new cath lab is not justified.

In addition, Trinity's reported cath lab volume has declined by 18 percent. GMC, Illini is projecting decreases in volume due to greater prevention initiatives (e.g., health coaching at each Genesis Health Group practice to improve patients' behaviors) plus more medical intervention (statins) efforts.

Table 1
Comparison of Cath Lab Volumes Calendar Years 2009 to 2011

	Calendar Year			% Change CY 2009 to 2011
	2009	2010	2011	
GMC, Illini				
Diagnostic Cardiac Caths	556	529	635	14.2%
Interventional Cardiac Caths	211	212	268	27.0%
EP Procedures	78	64	105	34.6%
Total	845	805	1,008	19.3%
Trinity Rock Island				
Diagnostic Cardiac Caths	3,089	2,001	1,982	-35.8%
Interventional Cardiac Caths	1,422	1,264	1,336	-6.0%
EP Procedures	245	529	564	130.2%
Total	4,756	3,794	3,882	-18.4%

Source: Annual Hospital Questionnaire, HFSRB's Hospital Profile

If the entire Quad Cities community is taken into consideration, then Rock Island County residents already have access to the services available at GMC, Davenport. This medical center offers a comprehensive array of cardiology services consisting of prevention/wellness programs, diagnostic testing, seven cath labs for diagnostic and invasive procedures, open heart surgery, a heart failure clinic, and cardiac

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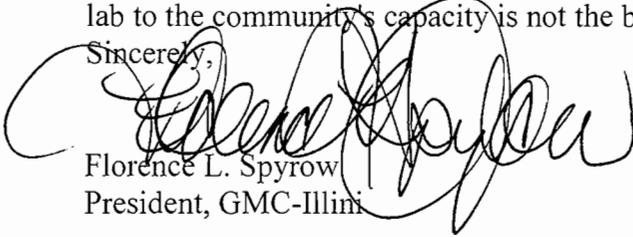
rehabilitation (Phases I through III) all on the same campus. GMC, Davenport's service area includes Rock Island, Henry, Mercer and Whiteside Counties in Illinois as well as Scott, Clinton, Muscatine and Jackson Counties in Iowa. As Trinity's CON application identifies Scott and Muscatine Counties as part of their service area, we believe that our capacity should be included in the evaluation of their certificate of need.

3. The addition of a fifth lab would have a detrimental impact on GMC, Illini's volumes.

As indicated above, GMC, Illini is projecting cath lab volume to decline based on our population health and other evidence-based initiatives. Adding another cath lab would result in further declines which would be detrimental to our organization.

For the reasons cited above, we believe that Trinity's project to add a fifth cardiac cath lab to the community's capacity is not the best alternative and should be denied.

Sincerely,


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President, GMC-Illini

cc Courtney R. Avery, Administrator
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