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RE: CON Project # 18-050
Add Orthopedics at Associated Surgical Center

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W Jefferson Street - 2nd Floor
Springfield , IL 62761

Dear Review Board:

I have over 20 years practice experience as a medical doctor, ABA Board Certified Anesthesiologist and pain management. I was born, raised, and educated in the Chicago land area.

As a practicing physician at Associated Surgical Center, I am familiar with the team at Associated Surgical Center and the Orthopedic Surgeons who are requesting to add Orthopedics to the specialties already available at the surgery center in Arlington Heights. Adding Orthopedics will help increase utilization at this new surgery center. Since the center already exists, the cost to add Orthopedics is so much lower than then it would be to start a new surgery center.

The Orthopedic Surgeons who will use the center are well qualified and will provide great patient care. I am sure other Orthopedic Surgeons will follow by also joining the medical staff at Associated Surgical Center.

The physicians, nurses and support team at the surgery center are experienced, provide great patient care, and education. As a result, surgical outcomes are excellent. The patients are very pleased with their surgical experience and excellent anesthesia care.

Pairing excellent anesthesia care with great Orthopedic Surgeons in a patient-friendly setting will be a needed and welcomed addition to the north suburban area where these fine orthopedists want to expand their practices. The ASC will be more convenient for patients who will not need to travel longer distances to downtown Chicago for their orthopedic care. The Arlington Heights location will be more convenient for the orthopedic surgeons as their day will be more efficiently managed by doing cases locally here in Arlington Heights.

I urge you to support this CON application.

Respectfully,

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22 February 2019
State of Illinois Health Facilities
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RE: Request of Associated Surgical Center
Arlington Heights, Illinois to add
Orthopedic Surgery
Project #18-050

Dear Board Members:

The Russian-speaking and Eastern European communities in the Chicago area have long supported Dr. Yelena Levitin and her team who provide much needed care in many of our native languages. Dr. Levitin and her team are well known and highly respected by our readers and listeners who count on her office to take care of their medical and surgical needs.

We were pleased you approved a few years ago her new Associated Surgical Center. We now hope you will approve adding orthopedic surgery.

Thanks to Dr. Levitin and the staff at her office and ambulatory surgery center who speak many languages fluently including Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Lithuanian, and Serbian / Croatian. This really helps patients better communicate with and better understand their care and instructions when communication is in their native language.

Many of our followers know Dr. Levitin for her excellent care, for serving people who cannot always pay their medical bills all at once or who may need care when all they have is Medicaid or no insurance at all. Her office and surgery center will treat them all.

Our community speaks highly of the care they get at the new surgery center. We have visited and seen this beautiful, modern and well-equipped surgery center. We were impressed. We know about great patient satisfaction reports.

We feel this same great care can and should be provided by the orthopedic surgeons who also want to serve our community.

We hope that you will now approve Dr. Levitin's request to add much needed access for patients by adding access to fine orthopedic surgery.

Thank you!

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Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
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Subject: Associated Surgical Center
Arlington Heights, IL
Add Orthopedic Specialty
CON Project # 18-050

Dear CON Review Board:

I am a licensed and board certified podiatric surgeon and have been practicing for over 30 years here in Chicago, Illinois. I am also a member of the surgical staff at Associated Surgical Center. I believe that adding orthopedics to this already-existing excellent surgery center is a very appropriate and cost-effective way to expand services without the expense of starting a new surgery center.

I personally know and have worked with the orthopedic surgeons who wish to join the medical staff; they are well qualified and well-respected. I have every reason to believe that their caseload from the northwest suburban communities will continue to grow when word gets out that this service is now available at Associated Surgery Center. My patient load that is in need of orthopedic services would greatly appreciate the fact that the orthopedic services could be performed at Associated Surgical Center.

One of my satellite offices in Elgin, Illinois has a large population of Hispanic patients. There is a full time primary practice at this Elgin clinic that would benefit from orthopedic specialists for their orthopedic needs. Currently the patients in need of orthopedic care are being referred elsewhere which interrupts the continuity of care. These patients could be routinely cared for in Arlington Heights at the Associated Surgical Center.

As a member of the medial staff at Associated Surgical Center I can testify to the excellent patient care, excellent surgical outcomes and excellent patient satisfaction experienced by my patients. The facility provides "state of the art" services and is fully accredited.

I hope you will approve this request to add orthopedic surgery at this center.

Sincerely,

John F. Kane, D.P.M., SA-C

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