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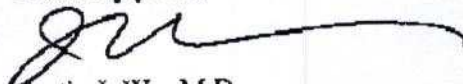
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Dear Ms. Potter,

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of dissent over the Cary Urology petition for a 'prostate cancer center of excellence'. I am currently a partner with Piedmont Radiation Oncologists in Greensboro, but will be joining the Rex-UNC rad onc division soon. My main objection to their proposal is their business model, in which they will have ownership of the linear accelerator, and thus garner the very lucrative technical fees associated with prostate IMRT. This type of model, in my opinion, is not designed with the well-being of patients in mind, but rather the pocketbooks of the urologists. How this gets past the Stark anti-self-referral regulations is bewildering to me. Also, there is certainly no lack of world-class radiation treatment facilities in the area (Rex, Wake Radiology, UNC, Duke) that already provide cutting-edge treatment to ANY patient with prostate cancer, regardless of their ability to pay, and the area already has more than enough linear accelerators. Thus, I would respectfully ask you to please deny Cary Urology's petition for an "adjusted needs determination" to allow an exception to the CON rules, which would allow for a dedicated prostate linac in Service Area 20.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Justin J. Wu, M.D.