

I am writing to provide public comment on the request from “Solferino North” to be included in the NC State Medical Facilities Plan. I previously addressed a letter to the NC State Health Coordinating Council questioning the issuance of a CON for Solferino North. Evidently Solferino seeks to first be included in the Facilities Plan and later to request a CON?

Regardless, I have significant doubts and questions about their proposed mission statement and the need for a “dental outpatient surgery center” located in Raleigh, NC

My concerns:

1. If Solferino is seeking to bridge the gap to dental care for economically disadvantaged NC children, why locate their center in one of the wealthiest counties in NC ?
2. If Solferino is actually seeking to provide a resource for pediatric dental care, why do they plan on 3D Scanners and on site 3D modeling capability neither of which would benefit pediatric care?
3. There are already nine or ten 3D Dental Scanners in North Raleigh alone, what pediatric DDS needs a 3D scanner and how many 3D scanners are needed in Raleigh?
4. How would Solferino credential potential general and specialty dentists and who will oversee the required training necessary to participate in the care of outpatient patients undergoing general anesthesia?
5. Will Solferino be JCAH accredited ? Why not ?
6. Who will provide 24/7 post surgery on call and emergent coverage when so many of the potential utilizers of this facility are not located in Raleigh or even Wake County ?
7. Who will have admitting privileges at local hospitals in the event a post surgical patient requires admission ?
8. Who will assess the medical status and perform history and physicals for patients undergoing outpatient general anesthesia?
9. Why can't the potential utilizers of this proposed facility simply use our area hospitals and existing surgery centers?
10. Lastly, if the potential utilizers of this proposed facility are not on staff at area hospitals or not eligible to be on staff, why should they have access to an outpatient surgery center ?

Just too many questions about this proposed facility. We hope the Facilities Planning commission looks at these issues before giving the green light to Solferino North.

Thank you

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