

COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION BY
PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CARE CORPORATION d/b/a
NOVANT HEALTH MATTHEWS MEDICAL CENTER TO INCLUDE
ONE UNIT OF CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION EQUIPMENT
IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY
IN THE 2022 SMFP

To the North Carolina State Health Coordinating Council
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of the petition submitted by Presbyterian Medical Care Corporation d/b/a Novant Health Matthews Medical Center (“Novant Health Matthews”) to include a need determination in the 2022 State Medical Facilities Plan (“SMFP”) for one unit of fixed cardiac catheterization equipment (“cardiac catheterization”) in Mecklenburg County.

I am a resident of Union County and live in the town of Indian Trail. As a resident of Indian Trail, Novant Health Matthews Medical Center has always been my Medical Center of choice. In fact, I have been a patient of Novant Health Matthews for over twenty years. This year, I was treated in the cardiac catheterization unit, for a diagnostic heart catheterization procedure since I had been suffering from prolonged chest pain and shortness of breath. The heart catheterization procedure uncovered a blocked LAD artery that was then opened through the placement of a stent. My family and I are grateful that the cardiac catheterization equipment was available at Novant Health Matthews, close to our home, when I needed it most. The cardiac catheterization equipment at Novant Health Matthews, uncovered a serious health issue for me and allowed that issue to be corrected during the same visit. If not for this equipment, procedure, and intervention, I believe that my situation would have turned out very differently.

Because of the serious nature of my condition, I required prompt cardiac catheterization intervention and treatment and certainly could not have easily traveled a lengthy distance for treatment such as to Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in the heart of Charlotte or Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center in Huntersville. I find travel into the City of Charlotte, particularly given the typically heavy traffic, to be stressful and it often takes a substantial time to drive. Moreover, the smaller, community atmosphere at Novant Health Matthews is much easier to navigate than the larger, tertiary medical center at Novant Health Presbyterian. Huntersville is located on the other side of Mecklenburg County from Matthews, nearly an hour-long drive. Neither of these options are feasible in an emergency when seconds count and early treatment and intervention can make the difference between a positive outcome and death.

Novant Health Matthews and the physicians practicing there are my providers of choice. I do not choose to get care at Atrium Health Pineville or Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, and neither of those locations are convenient or sufficiently close to my home to allow for appropriate care and treatment in emergency situations. I also prefer the Novant Health Matthews Medical Center over my options in the Monroe, NC area.

It is my understanding that Novant Health Matthews only has one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment that it can use to treat scheduled patients and those emergent patients who arrive requiring immediate care. I also understand that because Novant Health Matthews has only one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment, it often must delay scheduled, diagnostic patients to treat more urgent, life-threatening cases.

For a facility with a cardiac program as busy and in demand as Novant Health Matthews, I believe Novant Health Matthews needs the opportunity to apply for a second unit of cardiac catheterization equipment. The Matthews area is growing rapidly, and the State needs to ensure that sufficient assets are made available to the community to meet those needs. As someone who has been affected personally by a potentially life-threatening blocked artery, I wholeheartedly express my support for a need determination for an additional unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Mecklenburg County and specifically at Novant Health Matthews.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story and express my support for a need determination for one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Mecklenburg County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.P. Burke', written in a cursive style.

Kevin P. Burke

3114 Spring Fancy Lane

Indian Trail, NC 28079

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I am a resident of Mecklenburg County and live in the Matthews Township area. I am a longtime patient of Novant Health Matthews. I was treated in the cardiac catheterization unit on May 21, 2021 after suffering from a heart attack. I am grateful that the cardiac catheterization equipment was available at Novant Health Matthews, close to my home and family, when I needed it most. Were it not for the cardiac catheterization equipment at Novant Health Matthews, I believe that my situation would have turned out very different.

Because of the emergent and serious nature of my condition, I required immediate cardiac catheterization intervention and treatment and certainly could not have traveled a lengthy distance for treatment such as to Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in the heart of Charlotte or Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center in Huntersville. I find travel into the City of Charlotte, particularly given the typically heavy traffic, to be stressful and it often takes a substantial time to drive. Moreover, the smaller, community atmosphere at Novant Health Matthews is much easier to navigate than the larger, tertiary medical center at Novant Health Presbyterian. Huntersville is located on the other side of Mecklenburg County from Matthews, nearly an hour-long drive. Neither of these options are feasible in an emergency such as a heart attack, when seconds count and early treatment and intervention can make the difference between a positive outcome and death.

Novant Health Matthews and the physicians practicing there are my providers of choice. I do not choose to get care at Atrium Health Pineville or Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, and neither of those locations are convenient or sufficiently close to Matthews to allow for appropriate care and treatment in emergency situations.

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Sincerely,

Chad Gammons

Chad.pinnacle@gmail.com

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I am a resident of Mecklenburg County and live in the Matthews Township area. I am a longtime patient of Novant Health Matthews. I was treated in the cardiac catheterization unit in CY2002, CY2018 and CY2021 after suffering from multiple heart attacks and strokes. Most recently, I had a cardiac event in July 2021 and went through the emergency department at Novant Matthews and was hospitalized for four [4] days with significant cardiac tests that identified a cardiac irregularity. I am extremely grateful that the cardiac catheterization equipment was available at Novant Health Matthews, close to my home and family, when I needed it most. Were it not for the cardiac catheterization equipment at Novant Health Matthews, I believe that my situation would have turned out very differently.

Because of the emergent and serious nature of my condition, I required immediate cardiac catheterization intervention and treatment and certainly could not have traveled a lengthy distance for treatment such as to Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in the heart of Charlotte or Novant Health Huntersville Medical Center in Huntersville. I find travel into the City of Charlotte, particularly given the typically heavy traffic, to be stressful and it often takes a substantial time to drive. Moreover, the smaller, community atmosphere at Novant Health Matthews is much easier to navigate than the larger, tertiary medical center at Novant Health Presbyterian. Huntersville is located on the other side of Mecklenburg County from Matthews, nearly an hour-long drive. Neither of these options

are feasible in an emergency such as a major cardiac event that occurred to me. In September 2018, I had absolutely no choice but to go to Novant-Huntersville, NC when other facilities were booked solid. When seconds count, early treatment and intervention can make the difference between a positive outcome and death.

Novant Health Matthews and the physicians practicing there are my providers of choice. I do not choose to get care at Atrium Health Pineville or Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, and neither of those locations are convenient or sufficiently close to Matthews to allow for appropriate care and treatment in emergency situations.

It is my understanding that Novant Health Matthews only has one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment that it can use to treat scheduled patients and those emergency patients like myself who arrive requiring immediate care. I also understand that because Novant Health Matthews has only one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment, it often has to delay scheduling for diagnostic patients in order to treat more urgent, life-threatening cases, such as my case.

For a facility with a cardiac program as busy and in demand as Novant Health Matthews, I believe Novant Health Matthews needs the opportunity to apply for a second unit of cardiac catheterization equipment. The Matthews area is growing rapidly and the State needs to ensure that sufficient assets are made available to the community to meet those needs. As someone who has been affected personally by multiple heart attacks, multiple cardiac catheterizations, etc. I wholeheartedly express my support for a need determination for an additional unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Mecklenburg County and specifically at Novant Health Matthews.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story and express my support for a need determination for one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Mecklenburg County.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T.V. Ganatra" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tansukh V. Ganatra
6523 Ashdale Place
Charlotte, North Carolina 28215-4062

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I am a resident of Mecklenburg County and live in the Matthews Township area. I am a longtime patient of Novant Health Matthews. I was treated in the cardiac catheterization unit in 2018 and 2021 after suffering from chest pain and results from a cardiologist stress test. I am grateful that the cardiac catheterization equipment was available at Novant Health Matthews, close to my home and family, when I needed it most. Were it not for the cardiac catheterization equipment at Novant Health Matthews, I believe that my situation would have turned out very different.

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Novant Health Matthews and the physicians practicing there are my providers of choice. I do not choose to get care at Atrium Health Pineville or Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, and neither of those locations are convenient or sufficiently close to Matthews to allow for appropriate care and treatment in emergency situations.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my story and express my support for a need determination for one unit of cardiac catheterization equipment in Mecklenburg County.

Claude D. Howell

11523 Destin Ln

Charlotte NC 28277

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I am a resident of Mecklenburg County and live in the Matthews Township area. I am a longtime patient of Novant Health Matthews. I was treated in the cardiac catheterization unit in March 2021, after suffering from the lack of energy always being tired while working the expertise of Dr. Gabriel Delgado noticed that something wasn’t right turns out I was in need of Stents I am forever Grateful to him and his team for being there for me and I’m also grateful that the cardiac catheterization equipment was available at Novant Health Matthews, close to my home and family, when I needed it most. Were it not for the cardiac catheterization equipment at Novant Health Matthews, I believe that my situation would have turned out very different.

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Sincerely,

Julio E. Montenegro Jr. (A forever Grateful Patient)

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Respectfully,

Ronald K. Wolverton, patient

Margaret H. Wolverton, patient caregiver

August 10, 2021