

February 25, 2019

Mr. David Duda
275 West 9000 Rd
Manteno, Illinois 60950

Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator
Illinois Health Facilities and
Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson
Springfield, Illinois 62761

RECEIVED

FEB 28 2019

**HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD**

**Re: Project 19-001
Oak Ambulatory Surgery Center**

Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter to offer my full support for the Oak Orthopedics physician group's plan to develop a Surgery Center in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

I had the privilege of being the Director of Azzarelli Free Medical Clinic in 2017 and 2018. During my tenure, I was impressed with the level of commitment the Oak Orthopedic physician group showed to the poor in our community. The patients seeking services at the Azzarelli Free Medical Clinic are the working poor, who cannot afford health insurance in the public market, nor qualify for public aid insurance.

The Oak Orthopedic physicians treated these patients, without question or judgement, when our primary care physicians referred them to Oak for orthopedic care.

Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, Dr. Rajeev Puri, Oak Orthopedic Surgeon, continues to volunteer at the Azzarelli Free Medical Clinic. Dr. Puri sees patients with a variety of muscular-skeletal problems. Dr. Puri often performs surgery without cost to the patient. Dr. Puri's commitment is a reflection of all the physicians at Oak Orthopedics to help the underserved in our community. As former Director of the Azzarelli Free Medical Clinic, I remain grateful to this physician group for these services.

Sincerely,



David Duda
Former Director Azzarelli Free Medical Clinic