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November 14, 2019

Mr. George Roate  
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525 West Jefferson  
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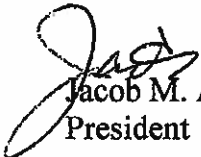
RE: Associated Surgical Center  
Project 19-054

Dear George:

Please accept the attached five letters of support for the addition of orthopedic surgery as an "approved specialty" to be provided at Associated Surgical Center.

These letters were originally provided in support of Project 18-050, which was withdrawn on June 27, 2019 in order to give the applicant an opportunity to provide additional utilization data. From a project scope and cost perspective, the two projects are identical.

Sincerely,

  
Jacob M. Axel  
President

## Marcon Medical Partners

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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March 25, 2019

Illinois Health Facilities Board  
525 W Jefferson – 2<sup>nd</sup> FL  
Springfield, IL 62761

Subject: Project # 18-050  
Associated Surgical Center

Dear Facilities Board Members:

Please accept this letter as full support for Associated Surgical Center in Arlington Heights to add Orthopedic Surgical Services to their existing ambulatory surgery center. We strongly support this project and hope you will favorably act on the application before you. The addition of Orthopedic Medicine & Surgery will benefit those we serve. It would also complement the specialties we already have and will, we are sure, result in many more referrals.

Our clinic serves primarily the Hispanic population of the Elgin area. Our physician partners cover the following specialties and services:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| • General Medicine        | X-Ray                |
| • Rehabilitation Medicine | Ultrasonography      |
| • General Surgery         | Laboratory           |
| • GI / Endoscopy          | Personal Injury      |
| • Pain Management         | Workman's Comp       |
| • Podiatry                | Commercial Insurance |

When we needed to provide General Surgery & GI/Endoscopy services at our clinic we were pleased to find Drs. Eugene Tarasov and Yelena Levitin at Chicago Surgical Clinic in Arlington Heights. Dr. Tarasov routinely sees our patients for both endoscopic consultation and surgical services that can be readily and conveniently scheduled and performed at their adjacent Associated Surgical Center. Their professional interaction with our clinic is top rate.

Our patients and their families always report a positive experience at Associated Surgical Center. It is our hope that this same level of dedication to the Elgin community can be expanded by your Board allowing Associated Surgical Center to add Orthopedic Surgical Services at their excellent facility.

We would hope that Marcon Medical Partners will be able to expand the care we provide to our community by offering our patients access to the fine orthopedic surgeons who will soon perform procedures at Associated Surgical Center.

Sincerely,

**Marcon Medical Partners**



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22 February 2019  
State of Illinois Health Facilities  
and Services Review Board  
525 West Jefferson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62761

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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Center

Subject: Associated Surgical

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 medical 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

Special Ortho CON Dr Kane ASL

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**HEALTH FACILITIES &  
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March 7, 2019

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

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,



Daniel Maksimovich M.D.

President

Premiercare Anesthesia & Pain

**Giuseppe Gagliardi, M.D.**

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Dear Health Review Board:

I fully support the request by Associated Surgical Center to add Orthopedic Surgery as a new specialty.

I am on the Medical Staff of this surgery center and can attest to the high quality of patient care. I am a board-certified General Surgeon and doubly-boarded in Colon and Rectal Surgery. I am an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I am well published and have lectured here and abroad. I am also the Editor-in-Chief of the Springer-Nature journal "Techniques in Coloproctology."

I am proud to treat my patients at Associated Surgical Center. I think that the orthopedic surgeons who want to join our medical staff will be equally pleased with experienced anesthesia, nursing and support staff already available at the surgery center. We have excellent patient clinical outcomes. Our patients are very satisfied with their care and the individualized attention provided by our team.

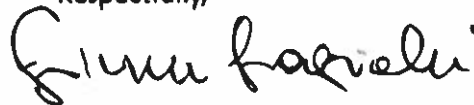
Adding orthopedics will complement the high level quality Colorectal, General, Gastroenterology, Plastic, Podiatry and Pain Management specialties already on staff. It will also allow patients to be treated by well-regarded orthopedic surgeons without having to travel to their current downtown offices.

The request makes sense and has a very low cost when compared to building a separate orthopedic center. The building is already here, new large operating rooms are already here, the staff are already here and the center is both Medicare-certified and fully accredited, including being one of the first surgery centers to be "Globally Accredited."

Adding more surgeons to this new surgery center will also increase utilization which will help keep down the cost per patient to provide the highest quality level of care. Because much of the major equipment such as Operating Rooms, Recovery Beds and C-Arm are already present, the cost to add Orthopedics will be much lower as opposed to the alternative of Orthopods starting their own new surgery center.

I ask that you support Associated Surgical Center's project to add Orthopedic Surgery.

Respectfully,



**Giuseppe Gagliardi, M.D., FACS**