

Talking points for DPH hearing on ambulatory surgery center

Good evening, my name is Matt Haverkamp. I am an anesthesiologist with a large anesthesia group in the Boston area. We provide anesthesia coverage for Melrose Wakefield hospital. I have been with Hallmark Health for 6 years and I am currently the Medical Director of Surgical Operations. Our anesthesia group covers large academic hospitals, community hospitals as well as multiple surgical centers so I have a unique view of life within an Operating Suite.

I am here to express my strong support for the proposed ambulatory surgery center at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital campus

I have practiced medicine in this specific community for 6 years but have been in the Boston area for 11 years.

It is important for me to provide the best possible care for each of my patients.

The proposed ambulatory surgery center will provide patients and the surrounding community with a high-quality, low-cost alternative to hospital-based outpatient procedures.

One of the most important aspects of this project is our how it will benefit our patients. Many of our patients prefer to stay close to home and not travel into Boston for procedures

Medford needs the types of outpatient services that will be offered by the ambulatory surgery center

The ambulatory surgery center will also help to revitalize the Lawrence Memorial Hospital campus which has been underutilized over the past few years.

Having a new, safe, cost-efficient option for outpatient and day surgery procedures close to home is good for the people in this community

There are no similar facilities in the region that offer the modern, convenient and cost-efficient services that this ambulatory surgery center will provide. There is a large portion of the community who live north of Boston and have no other options but to have their outpatient surgery within a hospital setting. After witnessing the safety and efficiencies as well as patient satisfaction that comes with a well run surgical center, I fully support this important project and I ask for your support and approval.

Thank you