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Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator
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Dear Ms. Avery,

I am writing this letter to support approval of the Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center, 11 North Washington St (aka 11 West Benton Street and 15 North Washington Street), Naperville, IL 60540 by Randy Morris, M.D.

Dr Morris has established a large practice in which the patients have been traveling in order to obtain the best fertility treatment available. It is important to note, that their patients have traveled past other fertility centers in order to take advantage of the high level of service that Dr Morris's practice offers.

In order to perform at the highest level, a fertility center needs to have an integrated in vitro fertilization laboratory and surgical suite with state of the art air filtration and built with materials that do not affect egg or embryo quality. Any variations in the temperature of the eggs or embryos, or the air quality can have a dramatic impact on the growth and developmental potential of the eggs. Dr Morris notes these requirements are not going to be satisfied by using an existing hospital or surgical center. The surgical suite and the IVF lab must be viewed as an indivisible unit.

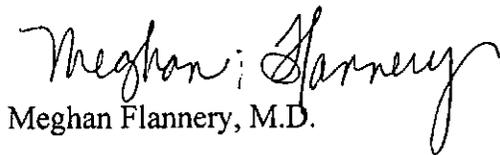
The timing of the egg retrieval is not determined by the surgeon for convenience but rather by the response of the woman's ovaries. This may require the egg retrieval to fall on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Surgicenters and hospitals generally operate on Monday through Friday, and are unwilling or unable to open on weekends and holidays for elective cases. The surgery suite must be available for any upcoming IVF procedures even though the exact day of the procedure and the number of procedures on a given day will not be known until two days before the procedure. This presents immense scheduling difficulties for hospital and surgicenters that are unable to "release" a room for the use of other surgeons until two days before the procedure.

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A growing portion of the field of reproductive technology is in the area of fertility preservation. Young men and women who have been diagnosed with cancer and are about to undergo treatment with chemotherapy and / or radiation are at a significant risk for becoming sterile. Using the same technologies that they use to treat infertile couples, they can extract sperm, eggs, and embryos and cryopreserve them for future use. This allows these men and women to preserve their fertility even if it is destroyed by their cancer treatment. This is especially important for the pediatric population. The challenge in helping cancer patients is two-fold. Very often, fertility preservation procedures need to be performed on an emergency basis so as not to delay the start of cancer treatment. Secondly, these patients have more difficulty than the average patient for traveling longer distances. Both Edward Hospital and Central DuPage Hospital have recently expanded their oncology programs. However, there are no dedicated fertility preservation centers in the western suburbs. It is anticipated that this new fertility center would serve as a convenient fertility preservation center for these and other oncology programs in the western suburbs.

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated cooperation,


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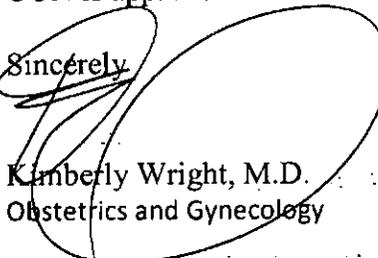
I am a physician practicing obstetrics and gynecology in Naperville. As such, I regularly refer patients to Dr. Morris for evaluation and treatment of infertility and recurrent miscarriage. I consider him to be the best at what he does. My patients and I are very happy with the care that he provides.

It has been our hope that Dr. Morris would construct facilities to allow the complete treatment of my patients in a single location that is easily accessible to my Naperville based practice. It is a hardship for my patients to travel into Chicago to complete their care. In my opinion, there are no other facilities in the area that offer the state of the art care that I and my patients demand.

In addition, I would like to be able to refer patients for fertility preservation procedures. Our local hospitals have excellent oncology programs but the patients must still go to Chicago for fertility preservation procedures. This is most applicable to my younger patients with breast and uterine cancer.

In summary, there will be significant improvement to my patients in the care they receive if this CON is approved.

Sincerely,


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I was a patient of Dr. Morris (IVF1), from May 2010 through September 2010 and we loved everything about the practice except that the most important procedures during the IVF process were scheduled downtown Chicago.

Invitro-fertilization is an extremely trying and stressful time for all couples enduring the process. That said, having to factor in hectic trips into the city adds to the stress. When couples aren't familiar with Chicago; the commute, traffic and parking can contribute to an already very stressful and emotional situation. Adding a facility in Naperville for patients would help to avoid unnecessary stress and possibly contribute to a more favorable outcome for some couples.

Not only that, a new facility could offer cancer patients a close resource for fertility preservation procedures. I can speak from experience, when my husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer we had 72 hours before his surgery to preserve sperm. When you are faced with such a hardship, the last thing a couple wants deal with is searching for a reputable location for your needs. It would have helped a great deal if we could have had a close location under the circumstances.

Please consider Dr. Morris and my request for a new fertility center in Naperville for the best interest of couples who experience infertility.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms Avery:

I am a prior and most likely future, patient of Dr Randy Morris and I am writing this letter to support approval of the Certificate of Need for the construction of the Naperville Fertility Center, 11 North Washington Street (aka 11 West Benton Street & 15 North Washington Street), Naperville, IL 60540 by Randy Morris, M.D.

The reality is that infertility affects a growing number of couples and a facility like this would allow Dr Morris and his staff to provide access to fertility services to many more patients. We were lucky to have had a relatively short fertility journey and were able to become pregnant in just less than a year after we began working with IVF1. That year was incredibly stressful and involved a number of procedures and appointments to realize our dream of beginning a family. In the roughly nine months it took to become pregnant it involved numerous appointments at Dr Morris' Naperville office for tests and procedures, a trip to the surgical center he operates at in Naperville for a laparoscopic procedure and three trips to his surgical center in Chicago for IVF procedures.

Working with a local doctor was important to me as I was aware of the amount of times I would need to travel to the office. However, although I was aware of the many times I would be in the office I was still surprised when we actually calculated how many miles we travelled on our fertility journey to Dr Morris' facilities. In fact, one of the most stressful moments of my life occurred on the day we had to travel to Chicago for our second embryo transfer. We gave ourselves an hour and a half to drive and park on what should have been a roughly forty-five minute trip. Due to an accident on the expressway the trip ended up taking close to three hours due to a lane closure and traffic backup. I have never felt more panic than when the reality set in that we were going to be over an hour late for our appointment. I wasn't sure exactly how long we could expect Dr Morris to sit and wait for us to arrive when we knew the importance of arriving timely. At that point we had thawed the last of our remaining embryos and had gone through all the medications and procedures to prepare for the transfer. If Dr Morris hadn't been patient and waited for us I don't know what would have happened; certainly we wouldn't be enjoying a happy, healthy seven month old boy today! A centralized facility in Naperville would have allowed us to avoid a terribly stressful situation on a day that leaves you feeling anxious enough as it is.

Dr Morris' practice takes a personal approach to fertility treatment and I am so blessed to have found him. Friends have used other fertility services and each time I hear stories involving large clinics with multiple physicians it solidifies my decision that I would never choose a practice other than IVF1. At other offices the physician you have a consultation with is not the same physician who performs your egg retrievals or embryo transfers. Knowing that I could expect to deal with the same small group of phlebotomists, nurses, ultrasound technicians and ONLY Dr Morris provides an incredible peace of mind. Truthfully, over those nine months of treatments I probably spent more time with his staff than with my husband!

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That said, I urge you to seriously consider Dr Morris' Certificate of Need to build a full service fertility facility in Naperville. We had such a positive experience with him and his staff and would never even consider using another physician. This facility would provide Dr Morris the opportunity to help many more women such as myself to achieve their dream of a happy, healthy son or daughter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Rueffer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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I have been patient of Dr Morris between May 2008 and April 2009. I was very fortunate that on my first IVF attempt I became pregnant, had no issues with my pregnancy and now I have healthy 22 month old boy.

I live in Naperville and Dr Morris' office location and business hours were very convenient for me except the surgery center location in downtown Chicago. I had to go there twice, driving an hour each way, negotiating the traffic, and finding a parking place.

I believe the center should be allowed in the proposed location for the following reasons:

- The whole IVF treatment can be performed in one location, serving the large population of Aurora, Naperville and surrounding suburbs.
- The location is close to highway 88, allowing easy access to patients living in surrounding areas.
- Cancer patients will have a close resource for fertility preservation procedures.
- IVF1 had all patient related information posted on a secure web site, including test results, links to educational resources a patient can see anytime he wants. The quality of care was exceptional; in addition to the web site, one can get an answer on the phone when questions arise.
- Dr Morris is in network with major IL insurances, which makes his service very attractive in addition to the quality.

Sincerely,

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Bogdanka Koleva