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## **Wake Forest Baptist to Build Medical Complex in Davie County**

**WINSTON-SALEM, NC --** Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center will develop plans for a medical complex in eastern Davie County as a result of an agreement with Novant Health and the CON Section of the Department of Health and Human Services of North Carolina.

The medical complex will offer a broad range of services that will meet most of an individual's healthcare needs—diagnostic imaging, outpatient surgery and related services and physician practices. The complex will be built at Interstate 40 and Hwy 801.

The agreement also permits Wake Forest Baptist to build a 50-bed acute care addition to the medical complex no sooner than 2017. “This phased approach gives us time to determine the feasibility of constructing acute care beds at the medical complex,” said Donny Lambeth, president of North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

In addition, the agreement also allows Wake Forest Baptist to apply for a CON to build a Critical Access Hospital in Mocksville. “This additional option is to build up to 25-beds to replace the existing Davie County Hospital and this requires extensive study,” Lambeth said. “We need the flexibility to meet the needs of the entire county.”

“The competitive landscape, patient needs, the economy and healthcare reform are among the major issues which must be resolved in the next few years to reach the best possible decision on these facilities for the future,” he added.

“We are pleased with the outcome of this agreement, which allows us to move forward to meet the priority healthcare needs of the Davie, western Forsyth and southern Yadkin region,” said Lambeth. “We are very grateful for the community support we have received and will depend on in the future.”

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Studies show that 90 percent of an individual's medical needs can be met without having to stay overnight in a hospital. With the changes in technology, there has been a major increase in the delivery of advanced services in an outpatient setting.

"Today's patients demand convenient locations, easy access to services, the latest technology and affordability," Lambeth said. "They prefer to undergo their medical tests and procedures near where they live and return home the same day. They also are seeking value with their healthcare dollar. That is what we will be offering in this center in Advance."

The medical complex will be part of a medical and commercial park, which includes sites for sale. "We envision a variety of commercial enterprises which will create new jobs, strengthen the tax base and enhance the image of Davie County as a growing and prosperous community," Lambeth said.

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