



(Attachment I)

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
(CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC REVIEW)**

1. Name of Applicant: Christiana Spin Center
2. Address: 101 Twin C Lane, Newark DE 19713
3. Telephone 302.593.4593 Fax: N/A Email: [mpkwoka@gmail.com](mailto:mpkwoka@gmail.com)
4. Person to Contact: MaryPat Kwoka or Tony Cucuzzella, MD
5. Type of Ownership:  
 Public  Proprietary (Individual)  
 Private Non-profit  Proprietary (Partnership)  
 Proprietary (Corporation)
6. Anticipated Date of Filing Application: April 2015
7. Estimated Capital Expenditure: \$4,000,000
8. Please attach a brief Narrative (one page or less if possible) which describes the project.
9. STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

The statements and information provided herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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Signature of Chief Executive Officer

11/24/2014  
Date

November 24, 2014

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Dear Delaware Health Resources Board,

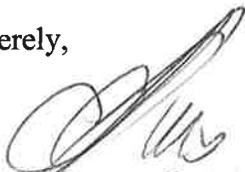
This letter is to indicate the intention of an Ambulatory Surgical Center project at the University of Delaware STAR campus. This is a joint venture between the Christiana Spine Center and the University of Delaware; however, the Christiana Spine Center will finance the project and be the owners of the ambulatory surgical center.

This letter is also to support a potential Certificate of Need for the project. Two years ago, the University of Delaware Department of Physical Therapy approached our practice and asked if we would be interested in research regarding spine procedures and surgical interventions. The idea was to determine what types of treatment led to the best patient outcome in the most cost effective manner. Since that time, we have established a significant research partnership with the University of Delaware and are currently performing outcome studies utilizing the University of Delaware's Research Department for collecting data and analyzing statistics.

It has become clear to both our physicians and the administration at the University of Delaware that an ambulatory surgical center on site at the STAR campus at the University of Delaware would greatly facilitate research and training opportunities for the University of Delaware's Health and Science Center. Furthermore, the Christiana Spine Center would potentially be able to establish a Fellowship program to train physicians regarding interventional spine procedures including injections, intradiscal thermal procedures, and spine surgery. Thus, the University of Delaware and the Christiana Spine Center are jointly proposing that an ambulatory surgical center be constructed at the University of Delaware's STAR campus. As above, this project would be funded by the Christiana Spine Center and the ambulatory surgical center would be owned by the Christiana Spine Center. This collaborative research project between the Christiana Spine Center Ambulatory Surgical Center and the University of Delaware would be the only one of this kind in Delaware. It would promote research that would improve the spine care of patients in Delaware by determining which procedures were most effective regarding pain relief, improving function, and cost effectiveness.

If there are any questions regarding these matters, please contact MaryPat Kwoka (302) 593-4593 or myself at (302) 996-9500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony R. Cucuzzella', written in a cursive style.

Tony R. Cucuzzella, M.D.  
C.E.O.