

What You Should Know about The Carilion Clinic

You've seen a lot in the newspaper and on television about the doctors in the Roanoke Valley opposing the Carilion Clinic. We'd like to explain why there's such an uproar about Carilion's plans.

Right now, we—you, your family, your neighbors—have access to some of the best healthcare in the world. We have great hospitals, your doctors have top-level training and you don't have to wait weeks to get tests done. The Carilion Clinic model is about to change all of that.

Here are the top reasons your doctor thinks the Carilion Clinic plan is a bad idea:

1. You may lose your right to choose your doctor. The Clinic plan is a closed system, and only doctors hired by Carilion will be part of it.
2. Your doctor may leave town or practice at a non-Carilion hospital. Seventeen already have—others are thinking about it.
3. Carilion is spending your money—not its own money. It estimates the clinic will cost \$100 million. How does a non-profit get that kind of money to spend? From you, your co-pays, your insurance costs.
4. Carilion runs great hospitals, but many of its “side” businesses lose a LOT of money. Guess what covers those costs? Higher hospital fees.
5. We have U. Va. Hospitals and Duke Medical Center doing teaching and research right in our backyard with the top researchers in the world. Virginia Tech already has a medical school. Why are we competing with that?
6. This will create a monopoly for Carilion. Monopolies are never good for business.

We've cared for you and your family for years. We'd like to continue to do so. Talk to us and talk to Carilion. It's in all of our best interests to find a plan that we can all live with. The Roanoke Valley deserves more than a “build it and they will come” approach to healthcare.

What You Can Do

1. Sign the petition on www.responsiblehealthcare.org or in your physician's office. If you sign online, forward the petition by email to family and friends.
2. Post comments on the website. Your identity may be kept private.
3. Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper. The address for The Roanoke Times is: Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2491, Roanoke, Va. 24010 or email Karen.trout@roanoke.com
4. Write letters to Dr. Murphy and the Carilion Board of Directors. Carilion's address is: Carilion Health System, P.O. Box 12385, Roanoke VA 24025.
5. Talk to family and friends. Let them know what's at stake.

To see more of the community's discussion, log on to www.responsiblehealthcare.org

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