

# YOU DESERVE THE TRUTH

MEDNAX continues to run a fear-based ad campaign aimed at Charlotte residents, making false and misleading statements about Atrium Health. Atrium Health did not enter into a new anesthesia services contract with MEDNAX (NYSE: MD), a Florida-based company that bought out physician-owned Southeast Anesthesiology Consultants for \$200 million in 2010.

**It's time to expose these lies with the truth.**



## CLAIM

**MEDNAX says inexperienced anesthesiologists will begin working at Atrium Health.**

*"Come July 1st, your intern won't be the only new doctor in the operating room. That means July 1 will be the first day for a new group of anesthesiologists to come into the OR having never worked together."*  
– MEDNAX, Charlotte Observer



## TRUTH

**Atrium Health's new partner is bringing highly qualified anesthesiologists to our organization now.**

Our new physicians have an average of **18 years experience, with an average age of 51.** They come to us with clinical training from widely regarded institutions, such as **Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, Duke** and many other leading academic centers.



## CLAIM

**MEDNAX says our changes at Atrium Health will make anesthesia care unsafe.**

*"...Atrium Health's plans to radically change the way it delivers anesthesia care, by reducing the number and role of physician anesthesiologists in their hospitals and other facilities."*  
– MEDNAX, Your Critical Moment Website



## TRUTH

**Atrium Health's staffing model is not changing with our new anesthesia services provider.**

We will be using the **same ratio of anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists as we currently do.** We will continue, as always, to provide high-quality, safe care.



## CLAIM

**MEDNAX says moving away from their company will affect our quality and patient safety at Atrium Health.**

*"If quality and patient safety are of paramount concern, such an action does not make sense... It also questions Atrium's decision to dismantle that program, and the potential impact on quality and patient safety as an entirely new team scrubs in."*  
– MEDNAX, Charlotte Business Journal



## TRUTH

**Atrium Health's focus on patient safety and quality is the very reason we couldn't partner with MEDNAX any longer.**

During negotiations, **MEDNAX refused to sign key patient safety and quality provisions** that would ensure the stability of the group and thereby ensure the safety of our patients and community. Last July, MEDNAX's employed physicians were so frustrated with MEDNAX that they threatened to walk off the job in mass, which would have left patients in our community without access to critical care.

We have never compromised on quality and safety – we never will.

**More than ever, Atrium Health is committed to delivering the best care for all.**

Carolinas HealthCare System is  **Atrium Health**