



Why Less Is More: Embracing the Niche Network Model for Joint-Venture ASCs

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About Blue Chip Surgical

- Develops, manages and optimizes ASC businesses
- Nationwide network of 15+ ASCs
 - ✓ Clinically distinguished, highly profitable
 - ✓ 4 hospital/health system partners
 - ✓ Experts in spine-focused ASCs
- Annual ROI of each project is typically 50-200%
- Focus on financial, payor, legal and operational matters
- Enables our surgeon partners to focus on patient care
- Build trust-based JVs built on aligned incentives, shared risk-reward and creative business models

About Sentara Healthcare

- 124-year not-for-profit mission
- 10 hospitals; 2,349 beds; 3,700 physicians on staff
- 10 long term care/assisted living centers
- Extended stay hospital
- 3 Medical Groups (600+ Providers)
- 432,600-member health plan
- Sentara College of Health Sciences
- \$4.0B total operating revenues
- \$5.0B total assets
- 24,000 members of the team
- Mission: We improve health every day



Sentara-Blue Chip Partnership

- Sentara Lake Ridge; Lake Ridge, VA
- CON required
- JV Structure
 - ✓ Physician-led; 9 partners
 - ✓ Orthopedic & spine surgeons; pain specialists
 - ✓ All partners are board members – attend monthly, one-hour meetings
 - ✓ Each partner adds unique value
 - ✓ Sentara & Blue Chip hold minority stakes
 - ✓ Real estate owned in part by Ortho MD partners
- Small, focused ASC: 1 OR + 1 PR with expansion options
- Capture market share: spine/ortho + other specialties in time



Sentara Objectives

- Stable medical community & engage with top talent
- Proactive succession planning
- Facility coverage
- Total clinical, strategic and economic integration
- Ensure long-term viability of critical programs
- Manage CON process briskly
 - ✓ Decommission hospital OR & Transition to ASC
- Position for evolving reimbursement model
 - ✓ Hospital ORs & beds may become a cost center, not a revenue generator
- Improve level of care via specialty service centers
 - ✓ Musculoskeletal COE, MD office, imaging, ASC under one roof

ASC Investments: What Surgeons Want

- Control
 - ✓ Professional satisfaction
 - ✓ Personal – work/life balance
- Patient Focus
 - ✓ Excellent outcomes
 - ✓ Comfortable patient experience
 - ✓ A place to do their best work
- Productivity/Efficiency
- Financial Benefits
 - ✓ Economic stability
 - ✓ Ancillary income
 - ✓ Wealth-building

ASC Investments: What Hospitals Want

- Stronger Surgeon Relationships
 - ✓ Better communication
 - ✓ Sense of alignment
 - ✓ Loyalty – capture greater share from “splitters”
 - ✓ Capture surgeons aligned with hospital rivals
- Clinical Excellence
- Return on Investment
- Market Share
 - ✓ Brand awareness
 - ✓ Competitive advantage
- Control – typically 51% ownership
- Pricing Flexibility – ASCs allow for lower price points than hospital

Getting to Alignment with Surgeons

- Identify the best business model to achieve alignment
- Began with review of what both want to accomplish
 - ✓ Review of history
 - ✓ Competitive market dynamics
 - ✓ Why affiliation is being considered – MD & hospital perspectives
 - ✓ Affiliation options
- Present facts to address important questions
 - ✓ What is the motivation?
 - ✓ Why now?
 - ✓ What are the concerns of physician membership?
 - ✓ What can the health system offer versus not offering?
 - ✓ Benefits to both organizations compared to staying status quo?

The Problem with Traditional Multi-Specialty Model

- Too many specialties
 - ✓ Drives up capital costs
 - ✓ Risk of overbuilding
- Too many owners and/or wrong owners
- Generalist staffing – not truly “expert”
- Diluted financial results
 - ✓ Limited returns – can only make “restaurant money”
 - ✓ On small investments, 50+% ROI may only = \$6,500 annually
 - ✓ Same \$ profit distributions to each surgeon for different specialties (e.g., neurosurgery vs. dentistry)

The Problem with Traditional Multi-Specialty Model (cont'd)

- Minimal cross-referral opportunities
- Non-committed owners
 - ✓ Misaligned incentives
 - ✓ Lack of shared vision
- Governance issues & complexity
 - ✓ Limited board participation by surgeon-owners
 - ✓ Lack of physician engagement due to minimal “skin in the game”

New Approach: “Niche Network”

- Network of single-specialty, “boutique” ASCs
 - ✓ Spine/Ortho
 - ✓ Women’s Surgery Center
 - ✓ Bariatric & Hernia
 - ✓ Pediatric
 - ✓ ENT
- Focus on clinical excellence & great patient experience

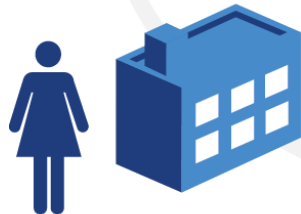
“Niche Network” Model

Musculoskeletal Surgery Center

Ortho | Spine | Pain | Podiatry



ENT Surgery Center



Women's Health Surgery Center

GYN's | GynoUrology | Plastics

General/GI Surgery Center
Bariatric | Hernias/Lap Choles
GI | Colorectal



Pediatric Surgery Center

ENT | GI | Ortho



“Niche Network” Business Model

- Creatively-structured joint venture models:
 - ✓ Physician-led: surgeons are majority owners
 - ✓ Hospital and managing partner equal minority stakes
 - ✓ Nimble, responsive management structure
 - ✓ Shared risk & reward
 - ✓ Facilities configured to market niche
 - ✓ All surgeon-owners assume leadership responsibility

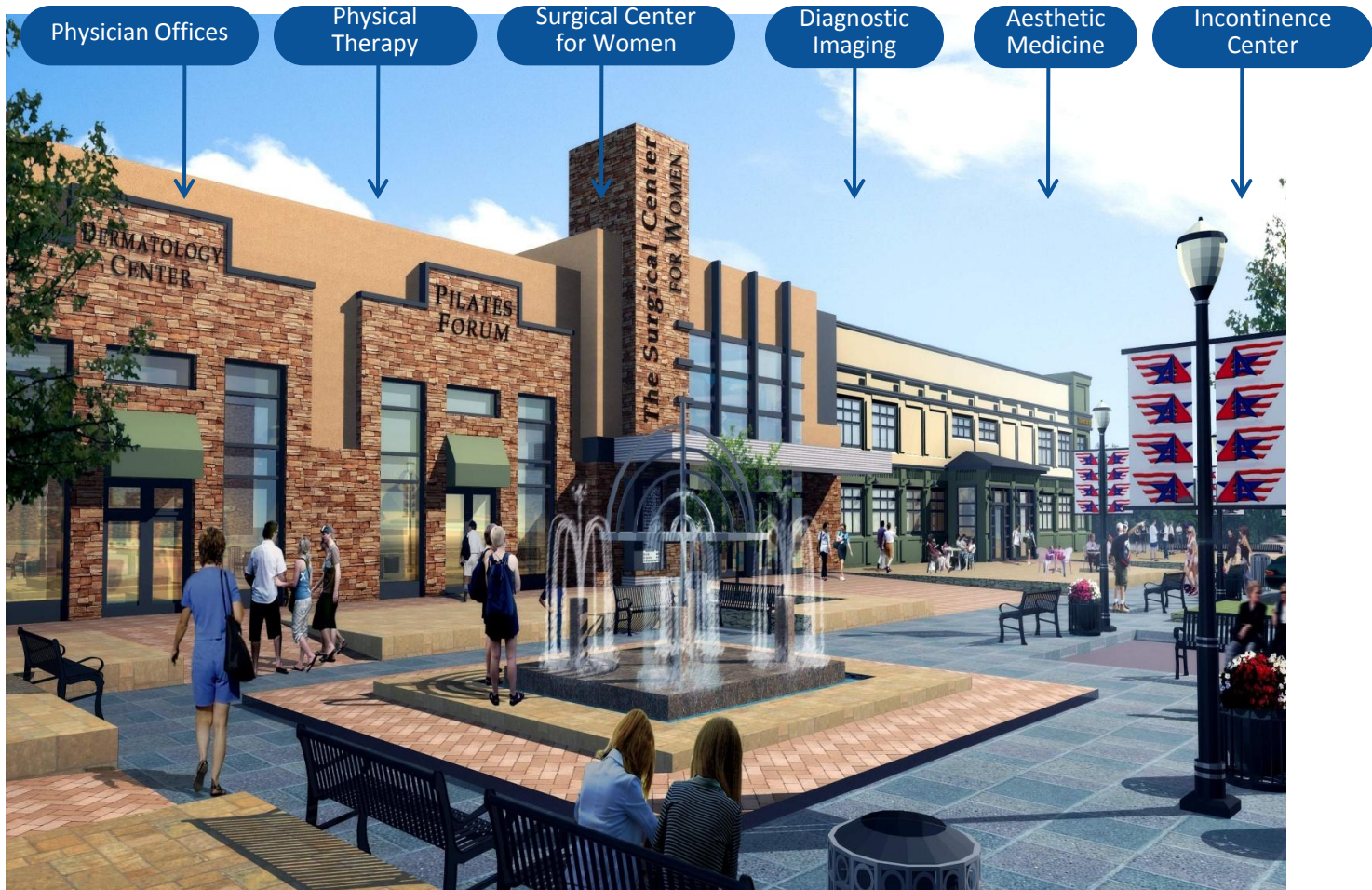
“Niche Network” Business Model

- Hospital Equity Stakes – Why 51%?
 - ✓ Not-for-profits expect 51% equity to preserve Not-for-Profit status
 - ✓ For-profit hospitals & publicly-traded ASC management companies want to consolidate financials
- Surgeon Equity Stakes – Why 51%?
 - ✓ Commitment & engagement – MDs “own” the center
 - ✓ Well-informed, engaged surgeons make excellent business decisions

If hospitals must own 51%, future equity purchase options should be agreed at the outset.

Niche ASCs: Surgery Center for Women

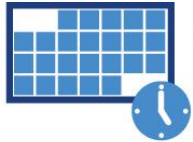
Hospital creates opportunity for surgeons to own a portion of the real estate



Why “Boutique” ASCs

- Quality experience for both surgeon & patient
- The location factor:
 - ✓ Surgeons will travel crosstown 2-3x/month for quality, productivity, compressed schedules, control, etc.
 - ✓ Patients will travel crosstown for specialized experience, surgeon focus, easy parking, etc.
- Improved outcomes through “best practices”
- True expert staffing
- Full surgeon commitment – no “dead wood”
- Attractive financial benefits
- The “Board Meeting” advantage

The Board Meeting Advantage



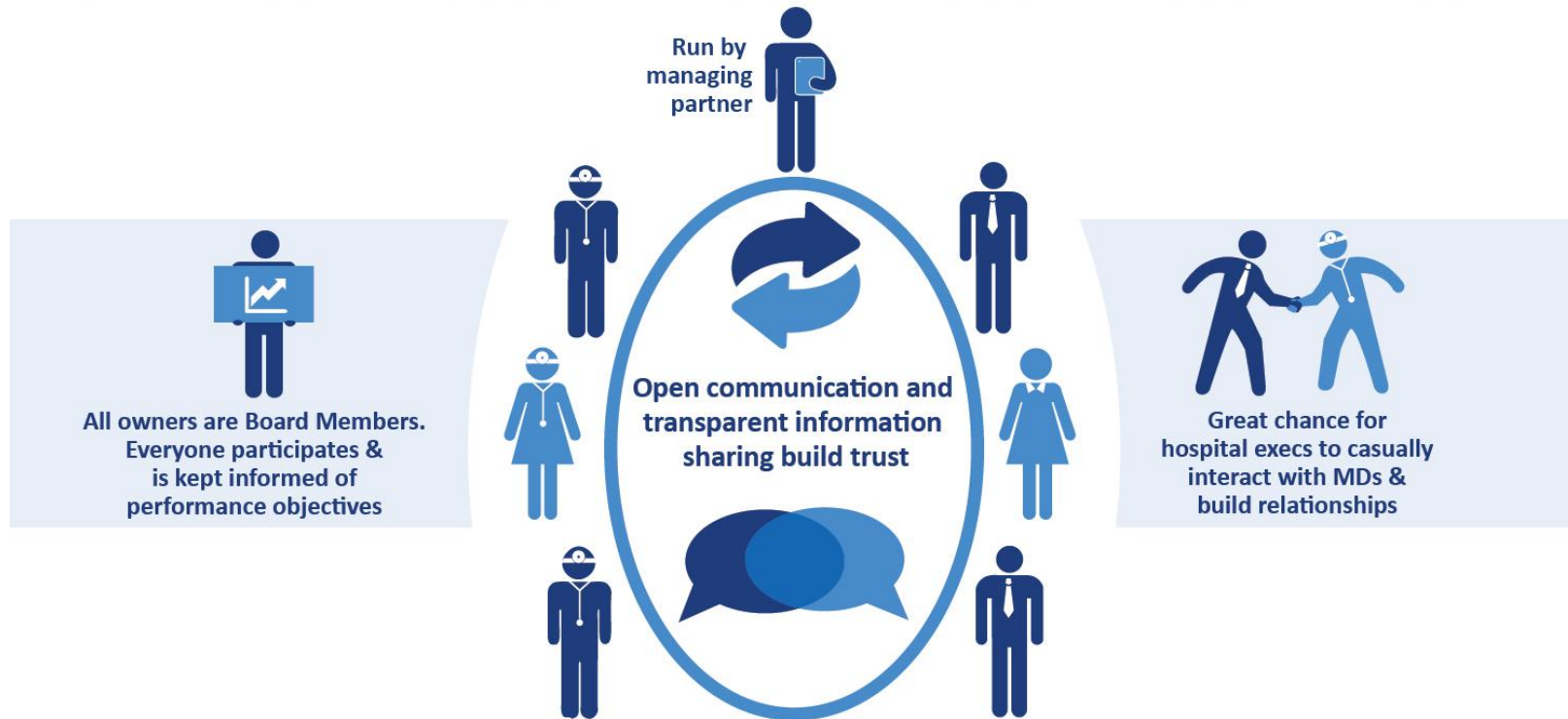
Brief, regularly scheduled meetings – 9x year, 1 hr max



Focused agenda for productivity & efficiency



Distribution of profit check at meetings encourages attendance



Why “Boutique” ASCs (cont’d)

- Address hospital strategic agenda:
 - ✓ Recruit “splitters” and surgeons from competitors
 - ✓ Grow inpatient volumes through MD alignment
 - ✓ Target hospital line development by specialty
- Improved “word of mouth” referrals
- New marketing opportunities:
 - ✓ Direct-to-consumer
 - ✓ Co-marketing with local teams, local celebs
 - ✓ Smaller, nimble, agile – responsive to needs of marketplace

Boutique ASCs & ACOs

- Positioning for ACO and bundled payments:
 - ✓ Governance - engaged, informed surgeons
 - ✓ Ownership of the bundle
- Prepare for shift from revenue-based to cost-based models
 - ✓ New hospital metric: not how many beds filled, but how few

Tomorrow's Hospital Networks



200-Bed
"Receiving" Hospital

200-Bed Advanced
Procedures Hospital

200-Bed
Community Hospital

Ambulatory
Network

If niche hospitals represent the future, why not niche ASCs?

Niche Hospitals

- Receiving Hospital
- Frail Elderly Hospital
- Community Hospital
- Scheduled Hospital
- Pediatric

Niche ASCs

- Ortho/Spine
- ENT & Eye
- Surgery Center for Women
- General Surgery/Bariatric
- Pediatric

Niche vs. Multi-Specialty

Niche Centers	Hospital			# Phys	Average Physician		
	Invest	Annual ROI \$	Annual ROI %		Invest	Annual ROI \$	Annual ROI%
- Spine/Ortho	\$147,000	\$211,000	144%	10	\$31,000	\$44,000	142%
- Women's	\$147,000	\$54,000	37%	15	\$20,400	\$7,500	37%
- ENT	\$147,000	\$125,000	85%	10	\$31,000	\$26,000	84%
- General Surgery / Bariatric	\$147,000	\$138,000	94%	7	\$44,000	\$41,000	93%
TOTAL	\$588,000	\$528,000	90%	42			
Multispecialty	\$510,000	\$273,000	54%	40	\$12,250	\$6,600	54%

For hospitals, niche investments offer bigger payoff – both financially and with stronger MD bonds.

Parkway Surgery Center: Impact to Hospital

- Hospital viewed ASC as threat
- Per Hospital's CFO: *five years later "no threat, data indicates the spine ASC was helpful to hospital"*
- Hospital inpatient neuro revenue increased as a result of the spine-focused ASC
 - ✓ Expanded Hospital OR capacity as a result of ASC – capacity for more complex cases
 - ✓ Surgeons attracted patients from larger regional area
 - ✓ Much less leakage from community

Spine & Musculoskeletal ASCs

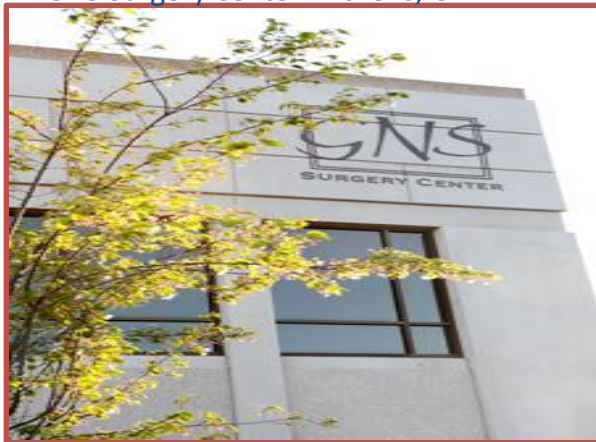
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GNS Surgery Center - Athens, GA



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Financials:

Multi-specialty: Capital and Expenses

Multi-Specialty ROI

Spine / Ortho ASC: Capital and Expenses

Spine Ortho ROI

Multi-Specialty: Capital & Expenses

4 ORs, 2 PRs – 18,000 square feet

40 Surgeon-Owners – ENT, Eye, GI, General, GYN, Ortho, Ophthalmology, Pain, Plastic, Urology

Capital Requirements	\$7,450,000	<i>Architecture, construction, legal, equipment, furnishings, working capital</i>
Partner Contributions	\$1,000,000	
Bank Loan	\$6,450,000	<i>7 years</i>
Revenue	\$5,340,000	<i>5,600 total cases at \$954 average reimbursement</i>
Expenses	\$4,803,840	<i>Staffing, suppliers, rent, services, interest & principal repayment</i>
Free cash flow	\$536,160	

Multi-Specialty: ROI

Partner	% Stake	Initial Investment	Year 2 Return	Year 7 Return
Hospital	51%	\$510,000	\$262,718	\$451,553
Surgeon Owners (40 @ 1.225%)	49%	\$490,000	\$273,442	\$469,983
<i>Return on Cash Invested</i>			54%	92%

	Initial Investment	Annual Return	Annual Distribution
Individual Surgeons	\$12,250	54%	\$6,600

50+% ROI on small investments equals \$6,600 annual distributions per surgeon – “restaurant money”

Spine/Ortho ASC: Capital & Expenses

2 ORs, 1 PR – 6,500 square feet

10 Surgeon-Owners – Spine, Orthopedic, Pain

Capital Requirements	\$3,340,000	<i>Architecture, construction, legal, equipment, furnishings, working capital</i>
Partner Contributions	\$600,000	
Bank Loan	\$2,740,000	<i>7 years</i>
Revenue	\$4,050,000	<i>2,600 total cases (300 spine, 800 ortho, 1,500 pain) \$1,558 average reimbursement</i>
Expenses	\$3,185,240	<i>Staffing, suppliers, rent, services, interest & principal repayment</i>
Free cash flow	\$864,760	

Spine Ortho: ROI

Partner	% Stake	Initial Investment	Year 2 Return	Year 7 Return
Surgeon Owners (10 @ 5.1%)	51%	\$306,000	\$441,030	\$615,523
Hospital	24.5%	\$147,000	\$211,866	\$295,693
Management Partner	24.5%	\$147,000	\$211,866	\$295,693
<i>Return on Cash Invested</i>			144%	201%

	Initial Investment	Annual Return	Annual Distribution
Individual Surgeons	\$30,600	144%	\$44,103

140+% ROI on larger investments equals \$44,000 annual distributions per surgeon – “Yale money”