

COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Present: Judges Humphreys, McCullough and Senior Judge Bumgardner

VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER AND  
SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORP.

v. Record No. 0959-14-4

MEMORANDUM OPINION\*  
PER CURIAM  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

FAUSTINE COOPER

FROM THE VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(Lynn McHale Fitzpatrick; Brandi R. Howell; Franklin &  
Prokopik, P.C., on brief), for appellants.

(Gerald G. Lutkenhaus, on brief), for appellee.

Virginia Hospital Center and its insurer (collectively “employer”) appeal from an April 22, 2014 decision of the Workers’ Compensation Commission finding that bilateral knee replacement surgeries recommended by Faustine Cooper’s treating physician were causally related to her February 24, 2010 compensable injury. On appeal, employer contends the commission erred by finding the recommended surgery was causally related to Cooper’s injury.

Upon reviewing the record and the parties’ briefs, we conclude that this appeal is without merit. Accordingly, we summarily affirm the commission’s decision. Rule 5A:27. We affirm for the reasons stated by the commission in its final opinion. See Cooper v. Virginia Hosp. Ctr, JCN VA00000241536 (Apr. 22, 2014). We dispense with oral argument and summarily affirm because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the Court and argument would not aid the decisional process. See Code § 17.1-403; Rule 5A:27.

Affirmed.

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\* Pursuant to Code § 17.1-413, this opinion is not designated for publication.