

E-mail sent to CT Nurse Reform regarding Saint Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Ct.

Hi Lisa,

I've had this "update letter" from work for a little while and haven't sent the news to you, sorry. I don't know of any LPN's still at St. Vincent's Hospital.

"The LPN's have had many years of service and contributions in the Medical Center. However, give the increased acuity of the patients, a decision has been made to eliminate LPN's in the acute care setting. This initiative began four years ago, and a number of LPN's returned to school and completed their RN degree. However, 11 LPN's remain on the Med/Surg Units.

A meeting was held in February with all the LPN's to advise them that by the end of 2008 we will no longer have LPN's in acute care. It is our hope that the LPN's will stay with the Health System in jobs that are needed in other areas. This was a difficult and unpopular decision but was not meant to be disrespectful to the LPN's."

Dated: May 19, 2008, in our hospital newspaper

I don't know what happened to the 11LPN's though. Sorry I can't find out anything. The RN's I work with don't know anything, probably because it didn't affect them.