St. Vincent Hospital Registered Nurses Petition Opposing Tenet's Dangerous Decision to Eliminate of Our IV Team

We, the undersigned registered nurses of St. Vincent Hospital hereby call upon Tenet Administration to rescind its callous and dangerous decision to eliminate our specially trained and highly skilled IV Therapy Team. These professionals provide a valuable service to the hospital, our physicians and our patients and their elimination will only serve to degrade patient satisfaction, increase the risk of serious harm and unnecessary suffering for our patients, expose our staff to preventable needlestick injuries, and yes, result in the loss of revenue due to the complications resulting from this decision. We would also cite the following:

- *Numerous studies have documented that IV Teams improve patient satisfaction and significantly reduce preventable infections, IV infiltration and other complications – all of which can result in lower reimbursement and lost patient revenue.*
- *No other hospitals in the city and very few in the state have made this decision, and when they have, most have reversed the decision due to the negative impacts.*
- *The loss of this service will result in delays in care and prevent the timely and administration of antibiotics and other medications vital to our patients recovery and survival.*
- *In an already understaffed environment, and with the high number of novice nurses on our staff, this decision will place an additional undue burden on our staff that will compromise the care they deliver and may result in still more nurses to leave our facility for hospitals that employ safer practices.*

At a time when other hospitals are doing all they can to retain valuable nursing staff there is no justification for Tenet to be eliminating this valuable resource for our nurses and our patients.

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