

WE Stand With Minnesota Nurses

We believe in the Minnesota Registered Nurses

More than 12,000 Twin Cities Registered Nurses and over 1,500 Duluth Registered Nurses formally began pension and labor contract negotiations with Minnesota's biggest hospital systems (North Memorial, HealthEast, Allina, Methodist, Children's, and Fairview in the Twin Cities; and St. Mary's Duluth Clinic/Essentia Health and St. Lukes' in Duluth) earlier this spring.

Quality patient outcomes start with nurses. Nurses always have and always will be outspoken advocates for their patients' care, protection and safety. MNA Nurses are standing up for a contract that ensures safe staffing levels, infectious disease protections, emergency preparedness, educational development and incentives for potential nurses to enter the profession in the future.

Meanwhile, hospital management seeks to make nurses interchangeable from unit to unit, and hospital to hospital, rather than acknowledge that nurses are highly educated, highly specialized healthcare professionals.

Employers also seek to cut nurses' pension benefits back to 1968 levels and take away countless other benefits nurses negotiated over decades of collective bargaining. Hospitals have laid off 1,740 employees in 2009, while bringing in millions in profits¹ and paying huge salaries and bonuses to their executives. Hospitals are making money while laying off caregivers. This is not putting patient safety first.

We, the faith, elected, community, and labor leaders of Minnesota, strongly support registered nurses in their efforts to protect Minnesota's high standards of patient care and safety.

We call upon the executives and board members of Minnesota's hospital systems to play a positive, cooperative role in negotiating a contract that protects patient safety, patient advocacy and patient protection. Please join us.

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