



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Patient Services and Hospital Jobs Are Being Cut at Taylor Hospital in Delaware County. Nurses And Elected Officials Are Calling Out Owner Prospect Medical For a Devastating Pattern of Serial Service Closures and Persistent Disregard for the People of Delaware County.

PRESS CONFERENCE SLATED FOR NOON THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH, OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL

NURSES SAY: Prospect Has Devastated Critical Care in Delaware County Since It Bought Crozer Health 8 Years Ago. Now, the California-Based For-Profit Is On Its Way Out – But Not Before Stripping Vital Health Services From Yet Another DelCo Community. Prospect Cannot Leave Fast Enough.

Plymouth Meeting, PA – Nurses at Taylor Hospital in Delaware County will be joined by local and state elected officials at a press conference at **12 PM on THURSDAY, August 29TH** to call out hospital owner Prospect Medical Holdings for their serial service closures and persistent disregard for the people of Delaware County. Prospect recently announced they are shuttering Perioperative Services at Taylor, effective September 1st.

**PROSPECT'S
CUTS
WON'T HEAL**



PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STAFF NURSES AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

Prospect Medical Holdings is the California-based, private-equity-backed, for-profit owner of the Crozer Health system. Since Prospect bought the Delco-based four-hospital system in July 2016, it has effectively

closed two of the hospitals, devastating the patient communities in both areas. Now, just two days after announcing it had entered into an agreement of sale for Crozer Health, Prospect declared it would close the Taylor OR.

“My heart breaks for our patients,” says Theresa Wisely, RN, a former Perioperative Care Nurse at Taylor Hospital; when her position was eliminated, she took a job in the PACU (Post Anesthesia Care Unit) at Crozer-Chester Medical Center. “The community relies on this hospital. Yet despite what our patient community needs and deserves, Prospect has slowly chiseled away at our services, prompting patients to leave the system and go elsewhere. In the OR, we’ve received numerous gold status awards for patient satisfaction here in the OR – *why shut us down???*”

“I have a unique perspective because I’ve worked in the ER, on the floor, and in the ICU at Taylor,” says Denise Gibbons, RN, a Taylor Hospital Emergency Department Nurse. “I’ve cared for patients before and after surgery here, and I know patients would elect to come to Taylor specifically for surgery – for the smaller, less intimidating experience, for great care from the day of surgery to the last day of rehab. This is a big loss for the community. Thanks to Prospect, our patients’ ability to choose where they receive their care in Delaware County is becoming more and more limited.”

“Taylor is a family of dedicated caring employees who go above and beyond to care for the community,” says Kim Fox, RN, a former Taylor Perioperative Care Nurse; when her position was eliminated, she took a job on Taylor’s 2nd Floor. “Losing any services at Taylor Hospital will hurt that community. The surrounding hospitals are too far out of the way and are already overwhelmed.”

A career Taylor Hospital nurse who wishes to remain anonymous doesn’t pull punches when pointing the finger at Prospect: “Taylor Hospital has been my home away from home for many years, and I have always been proud to say I work here. What I’m not proud of is what Taylor has become under Prospect’s ownership. The effects of ‘restructuring’ and departmental closures within the system have been far-reaching. They have caused suffering in the communities they should be helping. I did not sign up to lend a hand in anyone’s suffering. I signed up to care for my community!”

Prospect Medical is an out-of-state actor clearly unconcerned with the health and well-being of the people of Delaware County or with the nurses who provide their patient communities with care. After a devastating eight years, it’s on its way out – but not before stripping vital health services from yet another community. Prospect cannot leave fast enough.

PRESS CONFERENCE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

WHO	RNs who work at Taylor Hospital
WHAT	Prospect Medical Holdings has devastated the Crozer Health system in its eight years of ownership. Now, on its way out, the California-based for-profit is stripping vital health services from yet another Delco community. RNs and local elected officials are speaking out.
WHEN	THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT NOON TAYLOR NURSES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL SPEAK OUT

WHERE

Outside Taylor Hospital, 175 E Chester Pike, Ridley Park, PA 19078

Taylor Registered Nurses United is an affiliate of PASNAP, the Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals, which represents more than 11,000 frontline nurses and healthcare professionals across Pennsylvania and was founded on the belief that patients do better when critical care staff have a voice to advocate for their patients and themselves.