

Tuesday, 13 of April of 2010

Temple Watch

Standing Together -For Our Patients, For Our Community



Welcome to Temple Watch

Strike Update:

Tuesday, April 13: 1:30 pm | Jobs Committee meeting at the TUHNA office.

Call your State Representative and State Senator and tell them to **Come support us on the picket line & Call Patrick O'Connor & Ann Weaver Hart** and tell them **"Not another dime of tax payer money"** until she settles a fair contract. [Find your Legislators](#) Send them our letter [PDF version Word document](#)

Temple Watch was founded by concerned nurses and health care professionals who work at Temple, and members of the community Temple serves. Over the years we have watched our hospital slipping away from its mission to provide the best health care possible to all our patients. Events surrounding the expiration of the agreement between the union representing Temple' 1500 Registered Nurses and Allied Professionals has made clear that it's time to say 'enough.' ([...read more](#))

Latest Temple Watch Update

Wendell Potter and Michael Moore Speak Up For Temple Strikers



Health Insurance whistleblower, Wendell Potter, addressed the importance of speaking out for patients

Monday at 5:30pm outside Temple Hospital, hundreds of striking nurses and healthcare professionals rallied once again rally to urge Temple return to the bargaining table to negotiate openly and fairly on all the issues. Speakers included nurse and union leaders as well as Wendell Potter, former executive of Cigna Healthcare. A letter from Michael Moore, director of "SiCKO," was also presented during the rally.

Wendell Potter addressed the issue of speaking up for patients. Similar to the nurses' position that Temple should put "patients before profits," Potter has testified and spoken in numerous public settings about the intrusion of greed

into healthcare and its impact on reducing access to care.

"We are thrilled that Potter came to speak to all of us who are out on strike in a fight for our patients and our professions. The patients we serve deserve the best possible care and we need to see improvements in our hospital, but Temple has both refused to negotiate patient safety issues such as safe staffing and has sought to keep us publicly silent ... [\(read more\)](#)

Support the Dedicated Nurses and Allied Health Professionals at Temple University Hospital



Jennifer Taylor, RN has been a nurse for 20 years. She has been a front line caregiver at Temple University Hospital's ER since 2006. Health care professionals Charlene Scott, who has 18 years of experience, and Carolyn Szweczykowski, 8 years of experience, are Medical Technologists in Temple's Clinical Laboratory.

The 1,000 Registered Nurses and 500 health professionals at Temple University Hospital heal wounds, treat illness and save lives 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. These dedicated professionals work diligently to serve a community with complicated health issues. They contribute their experience and skills to life-saving, cutting edge surgical procedures and organ transplants. They are among the best of the best.

Now, Temple executives, including Temple President Ann Weaver Hart, are attacking the very professionals that make Temple a world class medical center. It doesn't make any sense.

In negotiations for a new contract, the nurses and health professionals, members of PASNAP, have proposed improvements in patient care and staffing conditions. We seek... [\(read more\)](#)

Standing up for our patients: click [here](#)

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Updates

- [Wendell Potter and Michael Moore Speak Up For Temple Strikers](#)
- [Temple Refuses to Negotiate Toward Fair Agreement, Makes No Change in their Position](#)
- [Fire and Police Union Presidents Support Strikers, while Temple Spends Millions in One Week](#)
- [Hundreds of Strikers Rally at Temple President Hart's Condo on Rittenhouse Square](#)
- [Striking Nurses and Healthcare Professionals Rally to Commence Strike at Temple University Hospital](#)
- [Strike Began March 31 at 7 am](#)
- [Nurses and Professionals Rally to Urge Temple to Negotiate Fairly](#)
- [Temple Caregivers Take to the Airwaves \(Click to Listen\)](#)
- [Temple's 'Gag Clause': Bad for Nurses & Health Professionals, Worse for Patients](#)
- [What Temple's Gag Clause Means](#)
- [Support the Dedicated Nurses and Allied Health Professionals at Temple University Hospital](#)
- [Support Grows for PASNAP on Temple's Main Campus](#)
- [PLRB Hearing Officer Calls Temple Tuition Cut Illegal](#)
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News

- [1,500 Temple University nurses, health professionals strike over work rule, tuition perk](#) -Chicago Tribune
- [Nurses' union: Felon recruiting temps](#) -Philadelphia Inquirer
- [For Temple nurses, a trust, not just a job, is on the line](#) -Philadelphia Inquirer
- [Until the "gag" clause is removed, the Temple nursing strike IS about patient safety](#) -Philadelphia Public Health Examiner
- [Striking Temple nurses want proof that replacements are competent](#) -Philadelphia Business Journal
- [Temple Tells Nurses: The Constitution Doesn't Apply to You](#) -Daily KOS
- [Is this a good time to be a patient at Temple?](#) -Philadelphia Inquirer
- [Temple Nurses Won't be Silenced](#) -AFL-CIO Now Blog
- [Nurses strike back](#) -The Temple News Online
- [Free to speak](#) -Philadelphia Inquirer
- [Temple University Hospital Nurses Vote to Strike](#) -KYW 1060
- [Temple Found Guilty of Bad Faith Bargaining with Nurses Union](#) -Labor Blog
- [Pipe Down -Dear Temple nurses, please don't tell anyone about any of our problems. Thanks, Management.](#) Philadelphia City Paper



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Take Action!

Holding Temple accountable is a vital responsibility of both health care professionals and citizens.

Administrators may distance themselves from the patient, focusing solely on the bottom line, but we who care for patients every day, and the community members who receive their care at Temple can not turn a blind eye to the problems we see at the hospital.

Send Temple A Message

We invite you to add your experiences to our website using our online form, and to participate in the activities we will publicize on this site to help hold Temple accountable. The message you type into the form will be e-mailed to Temple President Ann Weaver Hart, and it will also be posted on the website for all Temple Administrators to see.

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File A Complaint

Only by holding Temple accountable can we protect the vulnerable patients who come to Temple for their care. Help these governmental agencies keep Temple safe by reporting any incidents that raised safety concerns for you as a care-giver, patient, or family member.

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