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& the Communities We Serve



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To the Editor (the New York Times):

Regarding the May 8 article on the shooting victim who was treated at Lincoln Hospital, any patient death is one too many. The nurses and doctors of Lincoln Hospital, and throughout the Health + Hospitals (H + H) system of New York City, believe in the mission of access to quality care for all. Everyday nurses and doctors are working together to provide quality care and improve the patient experience. Lincoln Hospital is a premier Level 1 Trauma Center and one of the busiest in the country. The hospital is part of the safety-net system that supplies vitally needed care and that must be funded properly to ensure its ability to operate at maximum potential. The article notes the difficulty of navigating the health care system for patients without insurance (in this case, trying to get to a rehabilitation center). H + H takes care of all regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. In fact, H+H provides 40% of the Medicaid services statewide with only 24% reimbursement for the services provided. That's why doctors, nurses, public health experts and community members are constantly calling for full and adequate funding of the public system and will be in Albany next week advocating on this vital issue.

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