

Nurse laid off while aiding in surgery

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MADISON, Wis. -- A Dean Health System nurse assisting in a minor surgery in Madison, Wis., was removed from the procedure to be laid off, a company spokesman said.

Dean spokesman Paul Pitas said the manner in which the nurse, whose identity was not revealed, was laid off was a mistake on the part of a company manager.

Pitas said the action never endangered the patient being operated on, the (Madison) Wisconsin State-Journal said.

Pitas said the manager, whose identity was also not disclosed, was an experienced nurse and a good employee.

"This person is very upset and is extremely remorseful over this," Pitas said.

The spokesman did not detail what type of procedure was being conducted during the incident, which he said took place last week.

The nurse was laid off as part of the healthcare provider's plan to remove 90 employees from its payroll, the State-Journal said.

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