

LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

Form DEFA14A

April 17, 2006

SCHEDULE 14A
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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION
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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

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LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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No fee required.

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On April 17, 2006, LifePoint Hospitals issued the following press release:

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DISSIDENT STOCKHOLDER FILES SUIT AGAINST LIFEPOINT HOSPITALS, INC.

Brentwood, Tennessee (April 17, 2006) LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (LifePoint Hospitals or the Company) (NASDAQ: LPNT) announced today that on April 10, 2006 Accipiter Life Sciences Fund, L.P. (Accipiter) filed a Complaint for Injunctive Relief in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware against LifePoint Hospitals and its directors. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that the Company s directors breached their fiduciary duties by enforcing the Company s advance notification bylaw in connection with Accipiter s attempt to nominate directors to the Company s board of directors. Accipiter seeks, among other things, to enjoin the Company from proceeding with its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders without first waiving the advance notification bylaw and permitting Accipiter to solicit proxies on behalf of its nominees. The Court of Chancery has set a preliminary injunction hearing for April 25, 2006. The Company believes the suit is without merit and intends to defend the suit vigorously. The Company continues to solicit proxies for its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is currently scheduled for May 8, 2006.

Important Legal Information

In connection with the Company s 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting), the Company filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on April 7, 2006 and may file additional proxy materials. Stockholders and other interested parties are urged to read the definitive proxy statement, carefully and in its entirety, because it contains important information about the Company and the Annual Meeting. This definitive proxy statement has been sent to the stockholders of the Company. You may obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement, and other documents filed with, or furnished to, the SEC by the Company at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement, and other documents may also be obtained for free from the Company by writing to Shareholder Services, LifePoint Hospitals, Inc., 103 Powell Court, Suite 200, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

All references to LifePoint Hospitals or the Company as used throughout this release refer to LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. and its affiliates.

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