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Mail Stop 6010

September 24, 2007

Mr. Gary D. Willis  
Chief Accounting Officer  
LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.  
103 Powell Court, Suite 200  
Brentwood, TN 37027

**Re: LifePoint Hospitals, Inc.  
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006  
File No. 0-51251**

Dear Mr. Willis:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jim B. Rosenberg  
Senior Assistant Chief  
Accountant