

**Ontario Nurses' Association
Weekly Media Scan Summary**

August 26 to 30, 2024

ONA coverage:

Ontario has fewest number of nurses in the whole country

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Interview: **Erin Ariss, Ontario Nurses' Association President;**

Note: **A new report from the Canadian Institute for Health Information has found Ontario now has the lowest ratio of registered nurses in the country. Data shows the province's shortage continues to worsen, dropping to only 651 registered nurses per 100-thousand people. Erin Ariss, Ontario Nurses' Association.**

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CTV Your Morning with Guest Erin Ariss

CKPR, August 27, 2024

[CLIP – Discussing of the state of nursing in Ontario](#)

Nursing coverage:

Negligence lawsuit over patient's ER death 'frightening' for nurses: union

Global News, August 26, 2024

[Other nurses in the province are now "very scared" they too could be sued one day](#)

Nurses should not be named in lawsuit: union

98.1 Charlotte, August 29, 2024

[The New Brunswick Nurses Union is standing behind two nurses named in a recent lawsuit following a patient death](#)

Industry coverage:

As more cataract surgeries move to private clinics, more low-income Ontarians are being left behind, study finds

Toronto Star, August 26, 2024

https://www.thestar.com/business/as-more-cataract-surgeries-move-to-private-clinics-more-low-income-ontarians-are-being-left/article_b1755b54-6163-11ef-b2f6-fffb327d50b7.html

Opinion: Here's what the Ford government doesn't get about addiction

Toronto Star, August 26, 2024

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/heres-what-the-ford-government-doesnt-get-about-addiction/article_76c82900-615e-11ef-9e64-bbac030611f1.html

Ontario regulator clears former emergency room doctor of gender discrimination and improper billing, for the second time

The Globe and Mail, August 26, 2024

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-regulator-clears-former-emergency-room-doctor-of-gender/>

1st lung cancer vaccine trials launch, powered by COVID mRNA technology

Global News, August 25, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10712395/lung-cancer-vaccine-trials-mrna-covid/>

Ontario needs holistic approach to drug treatment amid consumption site closures, doctor says

CBC News, August 24, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/harm-reduction-drug-strategy-1.7303621>

Wealthier Ontarians more likely to receive publicly funded cataract surgeries in private clinics: Study

TVO, August 26, 2024

[New research finds that access to the surgery has increased since an Ontario government funding change — “but only for one group”](#)

A photographer captures the mpox health crisis in Africa in a closeup

Canadian Press, August 26, 2024

[I took this photo a few days after the World Health Organization declared mpox a global emergency. Most cases of mpox are in children — about 70% are under 15, according to the Africa CDC — so I wanted to illustrate that 30% with a photo of an adult](#)

When a DIY approach to safe supply ends in arrests

City News, August 27, 2024

[The creators of the program argue that it has saved lives. The federal government says that what they've been doing is simply drug trafficking. And it's charged them accordingly](#)

Toronto's whooping cough cases more than double pre-pandemic average: public health

City News, August 27, 2024

[The public health agency is reporting 99 cases in Toronto so far this year compared to the pre-pandemic five-year average of 38](#)

Health agencies: CISSMO welcomes extension of deadline

Néo Média, August 27, 2024

[The Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de la Montérégie-Ouest \(CISSMO\) welcomes the decision to postpone the ban on the use of independent labour agencies in the healthcare sector until March 2025](#)

Has Ontario given up on ending the opioid crisis?

TVO, August 26, 2024

[OPINION: Without clear policy goals, we're asking people to sacrifice their communities — and sometimes their safety — so that society can achieve a worse result](#)

New Ford government addiction hubs will open before supervised consumption sites close

Daily Guardian, August 27, 2024

[Nineteen new addiction treatment hubs will be operational in Ontario before 10 supervised consumption sites are forced to close their doors in March, the Ford government is promising](#)

Durham receives \$34mn to get more ambulances + nurses

Durham Post, August 27, 2024

[The Ontario government has announced funding for Durham under which the region will be able to hire more nurses and medical staff. The province has also raised the budget for ambulances in Durham by 9 per cent](#)

Lack of Red Deer hospital emergency room resources sparks concern

Red Deer Advocate, August 26, 2024

[More very sick central Albertans will have to be flown to larger centres, or face longer waits at rural hospitals, because of inadequate acute care resources at Red Deer hospital, say two Alberta doctors](#)

New CIHI data shows Manitoba ER wait times among the worst in Canada

Lethbridge Herald, August 26, 2024

[The data, released by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, shows nine out of 10 Manitobans who go to the ER and are discharged spend between 13 to 19 hours waiting before being able to be sent home. That range of times is the longest in the country](#)

As Ontario restricts supervised consumption, can 'HART Hubs' fill the gap?

CBC News, August 27, 2024

['It's like investing in a brand new, state-of-the-art hospital and then not putting in doors'](#)

After-hours care an issue in hospitals for Alberta Medical Association

Lethbridge Herald, August 27, 2024

[The Alberta Medical Association is once again sounding an alarm about a crisis in the provincial healthcare system](#)

Government of Canada invests in addressing public health evidence gaps

Public Health Agency of Canada, August 27, 2024

[Through the Enhanced Surveillance for Chronic Disease Program \(ESCDP\), the Public Health Agency of Canada supports projects that address persistent public health evidence gaps and support the development of a robust evidence base on chronic diseases and conditions, injury, mental health, substance use and their risk factors](#)

Government of Canada invests in addressing public health evidence gaps

CBC News, August 28, 2024

[The NDP released a photo showing a patient at St. Paul's Hospital emergency room who waited over 140 hours](#)

You might want to wait until fall for your next COVID-19 shot, doctors say.

Here's why

CBC News, August 28, 2024

[Updated vaccines under review by Health Canada take aim at waning immunity, changes in virus](#)

BC government launches phone line to provide same-day access to opioid treatment

Kelowna Now, August 28, 2024

[The British Columbia government is expanding access to drug-addiction treatment by launching a confidential and free phone line offering same-day connections to doctors and health-care professionals](#)

'Life-or-death' issue: How one tool is identifying false health claims on social media

CTV News, August 28, 2024

[In recent years, posts have claimed that ginger can be “10,000 \(times\) more effective” at killing cancer than chemotherapy, that fluoridated water provides “no benefits, only risks,” and that the measles vaccine is “more dangerous than becoming infected with measles.”](#)

Manitoba using private health clinic as model to ease emergency room burden

Miner & News, August 28, 2024

[A publicly funded, privately owned, injury and illness clinic in Winnipeg is helping offload some of the burden from hospital emergency departments and urgent care sites, and the province is taking notice](#)

Adult dies after eastern equine encephalitis infection, New Hampshire health officials say

CBC News, August 27, 2024

[A man in his 80s died in the U.S. and Health Canada has confirmed a horse in the Ottawa area has contracted the virus](#)

CMAJ study showing lower income people have less access to for-profit cataract surgeries must force a reconsideration of policy, says hospital union

Financial Post, August 27, 2024

[In response to new research showing that wealthy Ontarians are disproportionately benefiting from for-profit clinics, CUPE’s Ontario Council of Hospital Unions is demanding the province halt public funding for private surgeries and invest in cataracts provided by public hospitals](#)

Health Canada Releases What We Heard Report from Engagement on the Safe Long-Term Care Act

Nation Talk, August 29, 2024

[While many Canadians want to age in their own home, they also expect and deserve that high quality long-term care options are available. That is why the Government of Canada is developing a Safe Long-Term Care Act](#)

Mission hospital limits emergency room service overnight

City News, August 29, 2024

[From Thursday evening until 8 a.m. Friday, the hospital’s ER will limit its services due to staffing challenges](#)

Chris Selley: Harm-reduction advocates need to accept defeat, regroup and refocus

NewsCaf, August 29, 2024

[As someone who has long argued for supervised-injection sites — on the basic premise that no one ever dies from overdosing in one, while they die in their thousands from overdosing elsewhere — I find this enormously frustrating. But it is what it is. We are where we are. Perhaps this is still a moment where we might unite around some shared realities](#)

B.C. to review harm reduction vending machines at 3 hospitals

CBC News, August 30, 2024

[Kiosks at 3 Vancouver Island hospitals in Nanaimo, Campbell River and Victoria](#)

Your trip to the emergency department is taking longer every year: report

CTV News, August 30, 2024

[Compared to three years ago, trips take an average of 20 to 30 per cent longer across Canada, according to data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information](#)

A virus spread by tiny insects is on the rise in Brazil and Cuba. Here's how to protect yourself

CBC News, August 30, 2024

[People move virus north beyond its traditional niche in Amazon](#)

Labour coverage:

Ottawa hoping to convince reluctant civil servants of the benefits of working from the office

CBC News, August 26, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/public-service-telework-pandemic-1.7303267>

CAMI workers hand union resounding strike mandate ahead of formal talks with GM

CBC News, August 26, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/cami-workers-hand-union-resounding-strike-mandate-ahead-of-formal-talks-with-gm-1.7304624>

Ottawa to limit low-wage temporary foreign workers in Canada

Global News, August 26, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10715377/temporary-foreign-workers-limit-canada/>

‘Dangerous precedent’: Union reacts to board ordering rail employees back

to work

Global News, August 24, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10714313/labour-board-rail-workers-back-to-work/>

Concern, frustration grows as CPKC, CN rail labour dispute continues

Global News, August 24, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10714179/concern-frustration-cpkc-cn-rail-labour-dispute/>

Ottawa hoping to convince reluctant civil servants of the benefits of working from the office

CBC News, August 26, 2024

[Under a new policy announced in May, federal civil servants will have to spend at least three days per week in the office, while executives will have to spend at least four. Currently, civil servants are required to be in their offices only two days per week](#)

Health minister asks Nova Scotia Health, IWK to prepare for potential strike

City News, August 27, 2024

[Nova Scotia's health minister says there is "no more to offer" ahead of the final day of scheduled talks between the province's two health authorities and the Council of Health Care Unions](#)

N.S. Health Minister and Union Clash Over Bargaining Process

Y95.5, August 27, 2024

[Nova Scotia's Health Minister Michelle Thompson and the Council of Health Care Unions are at odds over recent negotiations concerning wage increases and labor conditions for health care workers](#)

Manitoba rail worker dismayed by ruling ending strike as expert warns of concerning precedent

CBC News, August 26, 2024

[Workers' rights being trampled on by decision, says U of M professor](#)

Agriculture This Week: Balance in rail dispute hard to achieve

SaskToday, August 30, 2024

[One needs to be careful when you limit the actions of workers and company officials in terms of the tools of strike and lock-out as a way to get a deal moving forward](#)

CUPE health-care workers reject deal

CTV News, August 30, 2024

[Most health-care workers with the Canadian Union of Public Employees \(CUPE\) have rejected a deal between their union and three Manitoba health authorities, including the one in Winnipeg](#)

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

‘We need to stop looking away’: Child advocates calling for answers following the Star’s revelations about Neveah

Toronto Star, August 26, 2024

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/we-need-to-stop-looking-away-child-advocates-calling-for-answers-following-the-stars-revelations/article_87476adc-5f08-11ef-9cc6-6f2d65e895ff.html

Report warns number of young femicide victims in Ontario rising

CBC News, August 24, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-femicide-young-victims-1.7302542>

A ‘Gut-Wrenching’ Snapshot of First Nations Health

The Tyee, August 27, 2024

[A report on a project tracking First Nations health from 2020 to 2030 in British Columbia has released “gut-wrenching” data in its first interim update](#)

Indian police fire teargas and water cannons at rally against rape and killing of trainee doctor

CTV News, August 27, 2024

[Police in India fired tear gas and water cannons to disperse thousands of protesters demanding the resignation of a top elected official in the country's east, accusing her of mishandling an investigation into a rape and killing of a resident doctor earlier this month](#)

When your community becomes a toxic waste dump

CBC News, August 28, 2024

[It’s expensive to follow complex disposal protocols for construction waste that often contains toxins. It’s much less expensive to find someone willing or desperate enough to simply allow waste to be dumped directly onto their land, with no regard for the health and environmental impacts](#)

Indigenous sacred items still 'manhandled' despite new airport security protocols, says passenger

CBC News, August 28, 2024

[So far 10,000 CATSA employees have received Indigenous cultural awareness training](#)

Table Soup Kitchen in Huntsville supporting more people while donations drop

Bay Today, August 28, 2024

['People that may have donated food in years gone by are having to pay so much for the food, that they're trying to make their ends meet'](#)

Political coverage:

Liberal cabinet retreat to focus on housing, immigration

The Canadian Press, August 26, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10715327/liberal-cabinet-retreat-halifax/>

'It's not right': Indigenous leaders call on Ottawa to clean up procurement system

Global News, August 26, 2024

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10712846/indigenous-leaders-call-clean-procurement/>

On a mission to fix health care, Jane Philpott is open to a return to politics

CBC News, August 24, 2024

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/philpott-possible-politics-return-1.7303211>

Trudeau announces reduction in temporary foreign workers, suggests more immigration changes to come

CBC News, August 26, 2024

[Government reviewing immigration streams amid spike in newcomer unemployment](#)

Ford's folksy cover for the real agenda at hand

The Lindsay Advocate, August 26, 2024

[Perhaps the focus on alcohol by a non-drinking premier is more than shameless populism and an appeal to the beer-drinking electorate? What if – and hear me out – it is a folksy cover for the premiere's real passion project: the privatization of all public services](#)

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'Majority government territory:' Doug Ford and PCs have large lead in Ontario, poll suggests

Canadian Press, August 29, 2024

[Doug Ford and the Ontario Progressive Conservative party appear to have a sizable lead among voters as speculation continues to build about a potential early election call, a new poll suggests.](#)

Poilievre asks Singh to pull support for Liberal government to prompt fall election

CBC News, August 29, 2024

['Pull out of the costly coalition,' Conservative leader tells NDP leader](#)

Pierre Poilievre's Conservatives look like fools for crying scandal over Ottawa's purchase of a \$9-million luxury NY condo

Toronto Star, August 30, 2024

[Mindful of our appetite for real estate porn, Conservative politicians have lost their minds over the \\$9-million luxury residence purchased for Canada's consul-general in New York](#)

Aug. 30: Ford's strategy on drug addictions raises many questions, and other letters to the editor

Waterloo Region Record, August 30, 2024

[Letters to the editor express support for the Wilmot farmers who face expropriation, and raise questions about Premier Ford's new strategy for people with drug addictions](#)