

Ontario Nurses' Association
Weekly Media Scan & Media Release Summary

February 17 to 21, 2025

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Status quo or Plan B? Variables abound when considering your vote

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University of Calgary nursing program to create lottery-based admission system; Profession faces critical labour shortage, high dropout rate, interim dean says

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Hospitals With Adequate Nurse Staffing Levels Have 11% Fewer C-sections, Study Finds

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Ottawa hospitals exceed provincial average for ER wait times, length of stay

CTV News, February 17, 2025

[All Ottawa hospitals exceed ER wait time averages: Health Quality Ontario](#)

Measles case confirmed in Hamilton child

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Potential measles exposure reported at Woodstock healthcare service

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More measles cases found in Brantford, Hamilton areas

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Measles cases rise as health unit targets reasons for spread

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Measles vaccination clinics being offered

Simcoe Reformer, February 18, 2025

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Harm reduction remains key part of drug strategy action plan

Brantford Expositor, February 18, 2025

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Busy Ottawa flu season causing outbreaks, hospitalizations

Ottawa Citizen, February 18, 2025

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Opinion | We still have a big problem diagnosing kids with mental illness. Here's why

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Hospital admissions due to flu soaring in Sudbury and surrounding districts

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Cases of respiratory, gastro illnesses spiking in Sudbury area

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The danger of bird flu mixing with human flu? A potential pandemic

Global News, February 18, 2025

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Suspected Ebola exposure at NYC urgent care as hazmat crews on scene: sources

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Further cuts to come in 2025 for Huron Perth public health

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Thousands in Grey-Bruce using 211 for health and social service needs; Police briefs

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Patients being upsold and pressured to pay more for cataract surgery, they say

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As bird flu spreads, Canada buys 500K vaccines for humans

Global News, February 19, 2025

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Avian flu ‘would dwarf the COVID pandemic in terms of impact,’ researcher says

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Thessalon residents and Ontario Health Coalition rally to save local hospital

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Windsorites billed extra for OHIP-covered eye surgeries; Cataract patient complains of pressure to upgrade, pay for tests already done

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U.S. hasn't sent essential seasonal flu data to WHO ahead of key vaccine meeting

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At London-area hospitals, winter injuries pile up like snowbanks

London Free Press, February 20, 2025

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Kendall: Ottawa benefits from a neighbourhood approach to health care

Ottawa Citizen, February 20, 2025

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New Version of Bird Flu Identified

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Union representing 30,000 city of Toronto workers starts countdown to strike

Toronto Star, February 14, 2025

[Largest city workers union begins countdown to strike](#)

Opinion | When police are charged in Ontario, hypocrisy and double standards are hard to miss

Toronto Star, February 18, 2025

[Hypocrisy is easy to see when police face charges](#)

Balancing the home office, and the office

Globe and Mail, February 18, 2025

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Tens of thousands of city workers cleared to go on strike early next month

Toronto Star, February 20, 2025

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Human Rights and Equity coverage:

From care to cuisine: Black History Month celebrated at London hospital

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Survivors' Secretariat denied funding to continue search for missing children, unmarked graves

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CAF discrimination settlement was 'a slap in the face,' says former soldier

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Black women face high domestic violence rates, but stigma keeps many silent, support groups say

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Ontario NDP candidate in Eglinton—Lawrence folds campaign to help Liberal opponent win

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Ottawa Citizen, February 15, 2025

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Doug Ford made 'poor-taste joke' about supporting death penalty, PCs say

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Ontario Health Coalition says privatization should be a top election issue

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InsideHalton, February 20, 2025

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Djilane: Let's stop wealth inequality in Ottawa-Vanier and elsewhere

Ottawa Citizen, February 21, 2025

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Northern News, February 21, 2025

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Opinion | Danielle Smith is tap dancing now, but Alberta Health Services' scandal is not going away

Toronto Star, February 21, 2025

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Bonnie Crombie blames Doug Ford for economic and health-care woes as he defends quip about 'sparky'

Toronto Star, February 20, 2025

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Opinion | Bonnie Crombie has a long way to go to catch Doug Ford. She has a plan to change that

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Ontario's beleaguered court system in campaign spotlight as Ford racks up police union endorsements

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Doug Ford's 401 tunnel vision could come with a nearly \$100B price tag, expert says

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Doug Ford defends sponsoring Fox News interview with Trump, Musk as way to reach Americans

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Ontario Liberals would provide OHIP coverage for mental-health care, Bonnie Crombie says

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Media Release

Nurses, Health-Care Professionals at North York Family Health Team Seek Fairness as they Head to Conciliation to Negotiate a First Contract

TORONTO, ON, February 18, 2025 – Nurses and health-care professionals with the North York Family Health Team (NYFHT) are in conciliation February 19 and 20 as their Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) bargaining team works to negotiate a first collective agreement. These members serve a full five per cent of the people in North York – approximately 100,000 patients of all ages.

ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN, says, “these 55 skilled and dedicated nurses and health-care professionals are seeking fair wages, job security and accountability from their Board of Directors. This is the only way to recruit and retain staff so that patients can get the high-quality care they need.”

Family Health Teams are community-centered primary care organizations with programs and services geared to the population groups they serve. The 55 NYFHT staff provide primary and preventative care, often keeping patients out of overflowing emergency departments, but they are currently paid less than other FHTs that work in hospitals.

“The Ford Conservatives keep promising to improve primary care and yet they have consistently underfunded it. Without fair wages, health-care workers can't afford to stay, and patients won't get the care they need,” notes Ariss.

Staff at NYFHT include skilled nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, registered dietitians, social workers, pharmacists, chiropodists, data managers, clinical coordinators, physician assistants and resource navigators.

“There's a simple fix. The family health team Board must negotiate a fair first contract to keep nurses and health-care professionals providing care to North York patients. And Ontario's next government must stop flatlining funding for this vital health-care sector Ontarians rely on,” says Ariss.

ONA is the union representing more than 68,000 registered nurses and health-care professionals, as well as 18,000 nursing student affiliates, providing care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health, the community, clinics and industry.