

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

January 20 to 31, 2025

ONA coverage:

Tensions rise between Ontario nurses and hospitals as contract negotiations continue

Insauga, January 17, 2025

[Tensions rise between Ontario nurses and hospitals as contract negotiations continue | INsauga](#)

Ontario Nurses' Association expresses grave concerns amidst contract talks with hospital CEOs

Globe and Mail, OnLine Business Canada, January 17, 2025

[Ontario Nurses' Association expresses grave concerns amidst contract talks with hospital CEOs - The Globe and Mail](#)

ONA warns of "unimagineable consequences" in OHA proposal

Blackburn News, January 20, 2025

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Signs of trouble in contract talks with Ontario's nurses

News	Air Time: 12:00 PM - 13:00 PM	Date: 2025-Jan-20 12:01 PM
CKUE	Network: Blackburn Group Inc.	City: Windsor
Announcer	Length: 00:30	Province: Ontario

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The Ontario Nurses' Association is accusing hospital CEOs and the Ford Government of intentionally understaffing hospital.

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Ford government being asked to create 'tariff taskforce' by labour unions

Global News, January 27, 2025

[Ford government being asked to create 'tariff taskforce' by labour unions | Globalnews.ca](#)

475,000 members and counting: HOOPP adds 33 new employers in 2024

The Winnipeg Sun, January 24, 2025

[475,000 members and counting: HOOPP adds 33 new employers in 2024 | Winnipeg Sun](#)

Labour leaders urge Doug Ford to forgo an election and focus on Trump's tariff threat

Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Welland Tribune, January 27, 2025

[Ontario election: Labour leaders urge Ford to focus on Trump](#)

Ontario Liberals, labour groups criticize Ford over snap election call and misusing public funds

Globe and Mail, January 27, 2025

[Ontario Liberals, labour groups criticize Ford over snap election call and misusing public funds - The Globe and Mail](#)

OFL, Labour leaders to Doug Ford: destabilizing the province for personal political gain is 'reckless and irresponsible'

London Free Press, January 27, 2025

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Ford government being asked to create 'tariff taskforce' by labour unions

Canada News, January 27, 2025

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Program:	<u>CityNews at 5</u>	DATE:	<u>Mon 27 Jan 2025</u>	Time:	<u>17:00 PM - 18:00 PM</u>
Station:	<u>CITY TV (CityTV)</u>	Network:	<u>Rogers Media Inc.</u>	City:	<u>Toronto</u>
HEADLINE:	<u>Deadline for Trump's tariffs threat is looming</u>				
ALAN CARTER (Anchor):	<u>Less than a week now from February 1st. That's the date that U.S. President Donald Trump has mentioned in his threat to slap 25% tariffs on Canadian and Mexican products. Canada's foreign affairs minister says: "The government is ready to respond the moment tariffs are implemented, but the focus remains on avoiding them in the first place".</u>				
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MÉLANIE JOLY (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada): We believe that our arguments are strong. I think that I've had numerous conversations where the reaction was actually very positive. But meanwhile, there's still a lot of work. This administration in the U.S. is very unpredictable. So, we have to be ready and working on both fronts.

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CARTER: The Foreign Affairs Minister, Mélanie Joly, says she will head back to Washington this week to meet with the Secretary of State, Marco Rubio and also Trump's border tsar. Joly comments come as the Wall Street Journal reports that people around Trump are urging him "Do not back down on the threat of tariffs!", even if he does receive concessions from Canada and Mexico. Our political correspondent, Glen McGregor, tracking the ongoing talks and says the central issues continue to shift.

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GLEN MCGREGOR (Journalist): Of course, Canada has taken steps to appease some of Donald Trump's major concerns about security of the border, about the flow of illegal migrants from Canada into the United States, as well as the flow of illegal drugs. But the conversation keeps shifting and now Trump's primary fixation on this seems to be with the balance of trade. That is, the Americans buy more in total value of products from Canada than we buy from the United States.

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CARTER: If Trump does move ahead with tariffs, the sources say the Trudeau government is ready to respond with a first round of retaliatory measures worth about 37 billion. A second round of tariffs, if needed, is reportedly worth 110 billion. Liberal leadership candidate, Chrystia Freeland, wants to take that one step further. She has suggested the Fed should cancel any contracts with American suppliers if Trump does introduce tariffs. Let's go back to Mark McAlister now. And Mark, the Ford government obviously feeling the heat around those tariff threats coming from the White House.

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MARK MCALLISTER (CityTV News reporter): Most definitely. And there wouldn't be an election coming if the unions didn't get involved either. Labor groups coming together this morning saying the focus at this point for the Ford government should be on workers and not necessarily on those U.S. tariff threats. However, if it's going to be, everyone needs to come together.

LAURA But if he is so hell bent that he is going to have this election, we are
 WALTON going to be making sure that we are talking to every single worker about
 (President, what is really important here and how we need a government that is
 Ontario going to put workers first. Workers, all of us, over just him. And so, you
 Federation of know, really? Yeah. He should he be calling this? Please, we're here.
 Labour): We're waiting. We have a space for him at the table right now.

MCALLISTER: Workers in unions from around the province, banding together to
 demand the Premier create a 'tariff task force' in order to provide what
 they call a unified strategy. CUPE, the Ontario Nurses Association, United
 Steelworkers and OPSEU, are among the unions, who have asked Ford to
 focus on Ontario workers and not an upcoming election. And this, of
 course, comes as CUPE, another one of those unions, actually rolled out
 a campaign this morning saying "Fire the boss!". Saying that once again,
 the focus needs to be on workers, not necessarily those tariff threats.
 And it comes with a bit of a satirical video as well. They have set up a
 website on top of that. Back to you.

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REPORTER: Alan Carter Length: 4:00 Province: Ontario

Amid contract negotiations, Toronto nurses rally, demanding better patient-to-staff ratios

Toronto Today, Newmarket Today, Aurora Today, January 29, 2025

[Nurses rally in Toronto to demand better labour conditions in next contract - TorontoToday.ca](https://www.torontoday.com/news/local/nurses-rally-in-toronto-to-demand-better-labour-conditions-in-next-contract-2025-01-29)

ONA members rally to demand better nurse ratios			
Program:	News	Air Time:	06:00 AM - 11:00 AM
		Date:	2025-Jan-29 08:32 AM
Station:	CHTG FM (The Grand)	Network:	Durham Radio Inc.
		City:	Hamilton
Reporter:	Announcer Copy	Length:	00:30
		Province:	Ontario
Interview:	None		
Note:	Ontario Nurses' Association members and supporters will gather today outside the Toronto Hilton Hotel, calling for hospital CEOs to commit to safer		

Reporter: Announcer **Length:** 1:00 **Province:** Ontario
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Interview: None

Note: The Ontario Nurses' Association held a rally in Toronto to demand better nurse-to-patient staffing ratios. The rally, attended by hundreds of nurses, occurred as contract negotiations continue and highlighted the importance of addressing the challenges faced by healthcare workers in the province.

Ontario Nurses Rally for Better Staffing Amid Contract Negotiations

Program: News **Air Time:** 18:00 PM - 18:05 **Date:** 2025-Jan-29 18:07 PM
PM

Station: CFMJAM **Network:** Corus Entertainment **City:** Toronto
(Talk Radio Inc. AM640)

Reporter: Matthew **Length:** 3:00 **Province:** Ontario
Bingley

Interview: Karen McKay-Eden, Ontario Nurses' Association; Lindsay Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Chris Moise, Toronto Board of Health Chair;

Note: The Ontario Nurses' Association held a rally in Toronto, calling for improved nurse-to-patient ratios in hospitals. The rally, held during ongoing contract negotiations, wasn't the only rally today; several other groups were also rallying to bring attention to issues like housing and public safety on the first day of Ontario provincial election.

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Nurses Rally for Staffing Ratios as Contract Negotiations Continue

Program: Evening **Air Time:** 18:00 PM - 18:30 **Date:** 2025-Jan-29 18:06 PM
News PM

Station: CIII TV **Network:** Shaw Media **City:** Toronto
(Global)

Reporter: Mathieu **Length:** 3:00 **Province:** Ontario
Bingley

Interview: Karen McKay-Eden, Ontario Nurses' Association; Lindsay Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Chris Moise, Toronto Board of Health Chair;

Note: On the first day of the Ontario provincial election campaign, the Ontario Nurses' Association held a rally in Toronto to demand better nurse-to-patient staffing ratios in hospitals. The rally, attended by hundreds of nurses and

supporters, coincided with ongoing union talks and was aimed at pressuring hospital CEOs to improve working conditions and protect public healthcare.

Election Campaigns underway across Ontario

CHEX TV, January 29, 2025

[Kinetiq Player](#)

Nurses call for staffing ratios

OMNI News, January 29, 2025



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Program: 24 Dayside	DATE: Wed 29 Jan 2025	Time: 17:00 PM - 19:00 PM
Station: CablePulse24 (CP24)	Network: Bell Media Television	City: Toronto
HEADLINE:	Hundreds of nurses rallied in downtown Toronto today	
LEENA	Hundreds of nurses rallied downtown today to demand hospital CEOs	
LATAFAT	implement nurse to patient staffing ratios.	
(Co-host):		
BAKARI	They protested outside the Hilton Toronto Hotel as talks took place inside	
SAVAGE	between the Ontario Nurses Association and the Ontario Hospital	
(Co-host):	Association. They're trying to reach a deal on a new contract for	
	approximately 60,000 RNs and health care professionals working in public	
	hospitals. Nurses want improved staffing levels to ensure quality care for	
	patients. They accuse CEOs of intentionally understaffing hospitals in	
	order to expand private care.	
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Nursing coverage:

Ontario's nurse practitioners urge province for clarity on publicly funded care

Toronto Star, January 18, 2025

[Ontario's nurse practitioners urge province for pay clarity](#)

The anesthesiologist shortage is now a 'full-blown crisis.' Should Canada use nurse anesthetists?

CBC Radio, January 18, 2025

[The anesthesiologist shortage is now a 'full-blown crisis.' Should Canada use nurse anesthetists? | CBC Radio](#)

Toronto hospitals have been outsourcing more and more nursing jobs to agencies. A new ruling against Unity Health could change that

Toronto Star, January 25, 2025

[Toronto hospitals violated collective agreement: arbitrator](#)

Health Sciences North in Sudbury looking for nurses and externs; News briefs

Sudbury Star, January 25, 2025

[Sudbury Star \(Print Edition\)](#)

LETTER: Former RN 'touched' by support shown toward nurses

Barrie Today, January 25, 2025

[LETTER: Former RN 'touched' by support shown toward nurses - Barrie News](#)

'Pivotal role': Scope of care for nurse practitioner expands as profession grows

Barrie Today, January 27, 2025

['Pivotal role': Scope of care for nurse practitioner expands as profession grows - Barrie News](#)

Bogged down by bureaucracy, road to Canada bumpy for local nurse

Collingwood Today, January 27, 2025

[Bogged down by bureaucracy, road to Canada bumpy for local nurse - Collingwood News](#)

No immediate plans to close private Ontario nurse practitioner clinics despite new guidance

Global News, January 28, 2025

[No immediate plans to close private Ontario nurse practitioner clinics despite new guidance | Globalnews.ca](#)

Adequate nurse staffing linked to lower C-section rates

News-Medical, January 29, 2025

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Manitoba government orders health authority to cut its use of private nurses

Canadian Press, January 29, 2025

[Manitoba government orders health authority to cut its use of private nurses](#)

Fixing health care requires more nurses

Winnipeg Free Press, January 30, 2025

[Winnipeg Free Press \(Print Edition\)](#)

Industry coverage:

Have we peaked in life expectancy? Why some experts suspect younger generations could lead shorter lives

Toronto Star, January 19, 2025

[Why younger generations could lead shorter lives](#)

Doug Ford's plan to slash drug consumption sites in half is deadly, costly says Toronto's top doctor

Toronto Star, January 19, 2025

[Consumption sites cuts are deadly, says Toronto's top doctor](#)

Opinion | Health care secret: Doctors don't know what patients pay for their prescriptions and it's harming patient care

Toronto Star, January 20, 2025

[Doctors don't know what patients pay for their prescriptions](#)

As HMPV circulates in China, how should we talk about foreign disease outbreaks?

CBC, January 19, 2025

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Long wait for cancer drug approvals causing 'great anguish' among patients, doctors

CBC News, January 18, 2025

[Long wait for cancer drug approvals causing 'great anguish' among patients, doctors | CBC News](#)

Highly contagious avian flu found in 3 Canada geese, health unit warns

CBC News, January 17, 2025

[Highly contagious avian flu found in 3 Canada geese, health unit warns | CBC News](#)

Sudbury hospital: Expect ER delays as respiratory illnesses spike

Sudbury.com, January 19, 2025

[Sudbury hospital: Expect ER delays as respiratory illnesses spike - Sudbury News](#)

TPH warns increased opioid deaths, additional strain on emergency services due to consumption site closures

CityNews, January 19, 2025

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First Nations health team prioritizes mental health and addictions

Sudbury Star, January 19, 2025

[The Sudbury Star](#)

Alert issued after potential measles exposure at Tillsonburg hospital

Brantford Expositor, January 18, 2025

[Brantford Expositor](#)

Grand Erie Public Health investigating additional confirmed measles case in H-N

The Simcoe Reformer, January 18, 2025

[The Simcoe Reformer](#)

Respiratory Season puts pressure on Hospital Emergency Rooms; Patients fill 'every single nook and cranny' as the city sees a sharp rise in flu cases and other viruses

Ottawa Citizen, January 20, 2025

[Ottawa Citizen \(Print Edition\)](#)

New health research group president targets areas of greatest impact

Ottawa Sun, January 19, 2025

[New president sets priorities of health research agency | Ottawa Sun](#)

Psychological safety must be co-created in the workplace through a back-to-basics approach

The Globe and Mail, January 20, 2025

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More than a third of Canadians turn to online info due to lack of doctor access: poll

Canadian Press, January 21, 2025

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Stop 'warehousing' seniors and build small homes for long-term care: aging institute

Toronto Star, January 21, 2025

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Weight-loss drugs like Ozempic could also help fight dementia but raise other health risks, study says

CBC News, January 21, 2025

[Weight-loss drugs like Ozempic could also help fight dementia but raise other health risks, study says | CBC News](#)

Guest column: Why we can't afford to be ruled by über-rich

Windsor Star, January 21, 2025

[The Windsor Star](#)

Timmins and District Hospital says vaccination the best protection against respiratory illness; Vaccination the best way to remain protected against 'the most severe outcomes,' hospital says

Timmins Daily Press, January 21, 2025

[Timmins Daily Press \(Print Edition\)](#)

Kingston, Ont., declares emergency as roughly 1 in 3 households struggle with food insecurity

CBC News, January 21, 2025

[Kingston, Ont., declares emergency as roughly 1 in 3 households struggle with food insecurity | CBC News](#)

Measles patient visits to Woodstock and Tillsonburg ERs prompt vaccination warning

CBC News, January 20, 2025

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Increased screening brings benefits and challenges in fight against breast cancer

CBC News, January 21, 2025

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HSN had so many patients on Friday, it stopped some regional transfers

Sudbury.com, January 20, 2025

[HSN had so many patients on Friday, it stopped some regional transfers - Sudbury News](#)

How Can Rural Ontario Access Better Health Care?

The Agenda, January 21, 2025

[How Can Rural Ontario Access Better Health Care? | TVO Today](#)

Original Toronto safe consumption site gets temporary reprieve after lease extension

Toronto Star (via Canadian Press), January 23, 2025

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Ontario Health atHome CEO fired following home-care medical supply shortage

Toronto Star, January 22, 2025

[Ontario Health atHome CEO fired following supply shortage](#)

Supreme Court certifies B.C.'s class-action opioid lawsuit against opioid providers

CTV News, January 22, 2025

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Endless diarrhea and exhaustion: the stomach bug making the rounds among the most vulnerable in Canada

CBC News, January 22, 2025

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Some Yorkville homeowners upset by proposed 11-storey long-term care home addition

CBC News, January 22, 2025

[Some Yorkville homeowners upset by proposed 11-storey long-term care home addition | CBC News](#)

Mental health centre for Windsor, Ont., youth closes 'indefinitely'

CBC News, January 21, 2025

[Mental health centre for Windsor, Ont., youth closes 'indefinitely' | CBC News](#)

Ontario public health units issue measles warnings about 2 emergency rooms, walk-in clinic

Global News, January 21, 2025

[Ontario public health units issue measles warnings about 2 emergency rooms, walk-in clinic | Globalnews.ca](#)

Mental health patients aren't to blame for ER wait times – Tibollo

North Bay Nugget, January 22, 2025

[North Bay Nugget](#)

56 suspected drug-related deaths recorded in Brantford-Brant in 2024

Brantford Expositor, January 22, 2025

[Brantford Expositor](#)

New health research boss looks to support primary care; Hébert takes over institute that directs federal investment in medical study

Ottawa Citizen, January 22, 2025

[Ottawa Citizen \(Print Edition\)](#)

Pembroke Regional Hospital mandates masking in parts of facility to reduce spread of respiratory illnesses

Pembroke Observer and News, January 21, 2025

[Pembroke Observer and News](#)

Ontario community health sector faces staffing shortage

Sarnia Journal, January 23, 2025

[Ontario community health sector faces staffing shortage - The Sarnia Journal](#)

Smaller nursing homes are cropping up across Canada. While experts say they are better for residents and staff, why is Ontario going another route?

Toronto Star, January 24, 2025

[Smaller nursing homes are cropping up across Canada](#)

Can't find an Ontario doctor to help you with this common birth control? This might be why

Toronto Star, January 24, 2025

[Can't find an Ontario doctor to insert an IUD? Here's why](#)

Residents evacuated from Durham long-term care home due to flooding from burst pipe

Toronto Star, January 23, 2025

[Residents evacuated from Durham LTC due to flooding](#)

Cancer rates are rising in Canadians under 50, dropping patients into a system not built with them in mind

Globe and Mail, January 24, 2025

[Cancer rates are rising in Canadians under 50, dropping patients into a system not built with them in mind - The Globe and Mail](#)

We must confront the reality that Canada has a four-tier health care system

Globe and Mail, January 24, 2025

[Opinion: We must confront the reality that Canada has a four-tier health care system - The Globe and Mail](#)

This new team is on the night shift at SickKids — and it has transformed patient care

Toronto Star, January 26, 2025

[How a new team at SickKids is speeding up care overnight](#)

Possible measles exposure at Pearson airport, Toronto Public Health warns

Toronto Star, January 24, 2025

[Possible measles exposure at Pearson airport on Wednesday](#)

Why should Canadians care about the U.S. pulling out of the World Health Organization?

CBC News, January 24, 2025

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Spike in syphilis rate prompts advisory from Public Health

Sudbury.com, January 24, 2025

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A move to a seniors residence becomes a headache for this North Bay couple without a family doctor

CBC News, January 27, 2025

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Charter challenge of Ontario's controversial long-term care law thrown out by court

CBC News, January 24, 2025

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Healthy Career; Etches reflects on 15 years at Ottawa Public Health

Ottawa Sun, January 25, 2025

[Ottawa Sun \(Print Edition\)](#)

Cloutier: Long-term care — Will 2025 be the year we fix it?

Ottawa Citizen, January 27, 2025

[Ottawa Citizen](#)

10th measles case: exposure list grows in Haldimand Norfolk Brant area

Brantford Expositor, January 25, 2025

[Brantford Expositor](#)

Treatment centre in Toronto to help first responders affected by stress, trauma

Toronto Today, January 26, 2025

[Treatment centre in Toronto to help first responders affected by stress, trauma - TorontoToday.ca](#)

HPHA unveils 'world class' cancer and medical care clinic; New unit at Stratford hospital offers better care

Stratford Beacon-Herald, January 25, 2025

[Stratford Beacon-Herald \(Print Edition\)](#)

North Bay Regional Health Centre designated for lab testing

North Bay Nugget, January 25, 2025

[North Bay Nugget \(Print Edition\)](#)

Province spending \$17 million on upgrades at St. Joseph's Hospital in Thunder Bay, Ont.

CBC News, January 28, 2025

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Timmins left out from Ontario's latest announcement on Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment hubs

CBC News, January 28, 2025

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Are your child's immunization records up to date? Time to check

Sudbury.com, January 28, 2025

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The winter 'quademic'? You may be sick with one of these 4 viruses

Global News, January 27, 2025

[The winter 'quademic'? You may be sick with one of these 4 viruses - National | Globalnews.ca](#)

Modern emergency department brings new hope to fast-growing Carleton Place

Ottawa Sun, January 28, 2025

[Modern ED brings hope to fast-growing Carleton Place | Ottawa Sun](#)

LHSC names new vice-president for Children's Hospital in London

London Free Press, January 27, 2025

[The London Free Press](#)

It's time to fix long-term care; Next government shouldn't repeat past errors, Lise Cloutier-Steele says

Ottawa Citizen, January 28, 2025

[Ottawa Citizen \(Print Edition\)](#)

New study suggesting people with ADHD have shorter lifespans should be 'call to arms,' lead author says

CBC News, January 28, 2025

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Windsor getting new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) hub

CBC News, January 27, 2025

[Windsor getting new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment \(HART\) hub | CBC News](#)

CMHA Thames Valley to open new HART hub location in London with 60 beds in spring

CBC News, January 27, 2025

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Province building 2 facilities to aid first responders affected by work-related stress

Bradford Today, January 27, 2025

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Sick of the stomach bug? Moderna is making a norovirus vaccine

Global News, January 24, 2025

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Clinic ordered to pay B.C.'s costs after failure of 'marathon' private health lawsuit

Canadian Press, January 28, 2025

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4 more homelessness and addiction hubs announced for eastern Ontario

CBC News, January 28, 2025

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Ottawa Public Health issues infection alert for two beauty salons

Ottawa Citizen, January 28, 2025

[OPH issues infection alert for two beauty salons | Ottawa Citizen](#)

Overdose crisis deepens in Northern Ontario: A community on edge

Canadian Press, January 29, 2025

[Canadian Press \(Print Edition\)](#)

Huron County calls on province to address health unit shortfalls

Lucknow Sentinel, January 29, 2025

[Lucknow Sentinel \(Print Edition\)](#)

Halton Healthcare's Paediatric RSV immunization clinic closes after protecting 500 babies

Canadian Press, January 28, 2025

[Canadian Press - Broadcast News \(Print Edition\)](#)

Quinte Health prez calls for changes as illnesses strain hospitals

Belleville Intelligencer, January 28, 2025

[The Belleville Intelligencer](#)

Sault Area Hospital AI policy aims for 'transparency,' employee concerns understood

Sault Star, January 28, 2025

[The Sault Star](#)

Canada's top doctor concerned about measles outbreaks in Ontario, Quebec

Canadian Press, January 29, 2025

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Construction on new Thunder Bay cardiovascular surgery unit to start this year

CBC News, January 28, 2025

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New addiction recovery beds offer 'true chance' to improve relapse rate, says Sarnia hospital CEO

CBC News, January 30, 2025

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Measles outbreaks declared by Southwestern and Grand Erie health units, 19 cases confirmed

CBC News, January 29, 2025

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Report flags barriers to accessing child-friendly tuberculosis medications

Globe and Mail, January 30, 2025

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Armed patient allegedly injures three hospital staff in Halifax emergency room

Globe and Mail, January 29, 2025

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Bluewater Health refocusing on No One Waits initiative

Sarnia Observer, January 29, 2025

[Bluewater Health refocusing on No One Waits initiative | The Sarnia Observer](#)

Prehab pays dividends for patients and the health system, according to new research

Ottawa Sun, January 30, 2025

[Prehab can reduce surgical complications, new research shows | Ottawa Sun](#)

Price tag of new Orillia hospital could top \$1 billion, city council hears

Innisfil Today, January 30, 2025

[Price tag of new Orillia hospital could top \\$1 billion, city council hears - Innisfil News](#)

Dozens of seniors displaced as flooding forces closure of London retirement home

CBC News, January 30, 2025

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Further cuts to come in 2025 for Huron Perth public health

Stratford Beacon-Herald, January 31, 2025

[Stratford Beacon-Herald \(Print Edition\)](#)

DR. PETER CHOW: Parallel private health system needed to save universality

Sault Star, January 30, 2025

[Sault Star column: Parallel private health needed | Sault Star](#)

Toronto sees highest tuberculosis cases in 20 years amid “alarming gaps” in medication access

Toronto Star, January 31, 2025

[Toronto highest TB cases in 20 years amid “alarming gaps”](#)

What is H5N9? The U.S. reported its first outbreak of the rare bird flu variant. Could Canada be affected?

Toronto Star, January 29, 2025

[What is H5N9 avian flu? US reports its first outbreak](#)

International health professionals face slow accreditation in Canada

CBC News, January 31, 2025

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Holland says more pharmacare deals will be signed 'in the coming days'

CBC News, January 30, 2025

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Dr. Brian Day's clinic to pay B.C.'s trial costs after failed private health lawsuit

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Chatham-Kent health unit warns of possible measles exposure at hospital ER

CBC News, January 30, 2025

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'Rapidly increasing': Ontario communities engulfed with measles cases declare outbreak

Global News, January 30, 2025

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Ontario election puts London's doctor shortage under the stethoscope

CBC News, January 31, 2025

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Post-traumatic stress injury treatment centre for first responders coming to Caledon

Canadian Press, January 30, 2025

[Canadian Press \(Print Edition\)](#)

Port Colborne city council seeks resident input on primary care clinic plan

Canadian Press, January 30, 2025

[Canadian Press \(Print Edition\)](#)

Labour coverage:

City's largest workers union votes in favour of strike mandate

Toronto Star, January 21, 2025

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\$4.1 million fines for violations of Canada's temporary foreign worker program a 'drop in the bucket'

Toronto Star, January 22, 2025

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Hundreds Rally in Toronto to Demand Nurse Staffing Ratios as Ontario Nurses' Association Bargains with Hospital CEOs

TORONTO, ON, January 29, 2025 – Hundreds of registered nurses (RNs), health-care professionals, labour leaders and allies held a large rally in Toronto today to call on hospital CEOs to implement RN-to-patient staffing ratios in Ontario's public hospitals.

The demonstration happened outside the Hilton Toronto Hotel as mediation talks took place inside between the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) and the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) to determine a new contract for approximately 60,000+ RNs and health-care professionals working in public hospitals.

"ONA's front-line members have made it clear that their top priority is improving access to high-quality, safe patient care for everyone, by implementing nursing ratios now," says ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. "Ontario's hospital CEOs must invest in nursing ratios, instead of understaffing our public system and outsourcing public health-care services to private clinics."

Nurse staffing ratios are being put in place in jurisdictions in Canada, the U.S. and elsewhere to ensure there are enough RNs to provide safe, quality patient care. RN-to-patient staffing ratios have been shown to increase access to timely care and improve patient health outcomes.

"Not only will nurse staffing ratios improve the quality of care, but they will also mean fewer emergency department closures, especially in smaller communities," Ariss notes. "Guaranteeing RN staffing levels will help stem the tide of nurses leaving our public hospitals, frustrated by their inability to provide the care patients need because of understaffing."

"The brutal truth is that hospital CEOs are intentionally understaffing our public hospitals, so they can expand private care," Ariss says. "Understaffing and private health care will cost Ontarians, and that's why we are fighting back."

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

Media Release

Mediation ends with no deal for 60,000 Ontario hospital nurses as Ontario Hospital Association opposes safe staffing

TORONTO, ON, January 31, 2025 – Following more than a week of bargaining talks and two days of mediation, the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) says that no negotiated contract has been reached with the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) for the province's approximately 60,000+ hospital-sector registered nurses (RNs). In April, the matter will go to arbitration – as it has every round of negotiations for the last 14 years.

ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN is expressing frustration and anger at the failure of the OHA to reach a negotiated settlement. "It's no surprise contract talks with the OHA were once again unsuccessful – negotiating with the OHA is like Groundhog Day," says Ariss. "The OHA tabled regressive, concessionary proposals. They opposed our demand for safe staffing by introducing nursing ratios. A deal cannot be achieved when those on the other side of the table are so completely disrespectful."

Ariss is particularly outraged at "employers that clearly don't have any regard for the workforce that holds our hospitals together. To sit through 'negotiations' with a group that insults our elected members is appalling. Nurses will not continue to tolerate this and I am so proud to see our members fighting back."

ONA members are seeking RN-to-patient ratios in Ontario hospitals. Nursing ratios have put in place in places like British Columbia, California and multiple other jurisdictions. Evidence shows ratios improve patient health outcomes, nursing health and safety and staffing – a great step to addressing Ontario's severe nursing shortage.

"As we prepare for arbitration, nurses will be taking collective action across the province," says Ariss. "Ontarians need to know about the state of our health care and the failure of Doug Ford and his hospital CEO friends, who have shown they are unwilling to do what it takes to improve our public hospital care for everyone's sake."

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.