

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

**September 8 to 12, 2025**

**ONA coverage:**

**Belleville General Hospital monument honours memory of nurse Shannan Hickey**

Belleville Intelligencer, September 5, 2025

[Belleville General Hospital monument honours late nurse Shannan Hickey | Belleville Intelligencer](#)

**Ontario nurses push for nurse-to-patient ratios as calls for minimum staffing requirements grow**

Globe and Mail, September 8, 2025

[Ontario nurses push for nurse-to-patient ratios as calls for minimum staffing requirements grow - The Globe and Mail](#)

**Is remote work gone for good? More Canadians are commuting — whether they want to or not**

CBC News, September 5, 2025

[Is remote work gone for good? More Canadians are commuting — whether they want to or not | Radio-Canada.ca](#)

**Union calls for home-care nurses to get same pay, benefits as hospital nurses**

Canadian Press, CBC News, Global News, Toronto Star, Globe and Mail, CTV News, Toronto Sun, AM800, September 8, 2025

[Union calls for home-care nurses to get same pay, benefits as hospital nurses | CBC News](#)

**Ontario Nurses' Association seeks better pay for home care**

Sudbury.com, September 9, 2025

[Ontario Nurses' Association seeks better pay for home care - Sudbury News](#)

<b>Ontario home care nurses demand same pay, benefits as hospital counterparts</b>
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<b>Program:</b>	CityNews at 5	<b>Air Time:</b>	17:00 PM - 18:00 PM	<b>Date:</b>	2025-Sep-08 17:33 PM
<b>Station:</b>	CITY TV (CityTV)	<b>Network:</b>	Rogers Media Inc.	<b>City:</b>	Toronto
<b>Reporter:</b>	Cynthia Mulligan	<b>Length:</b>	1:00	<b>Province:</b>	Ontario
<b>Interview:</b>	Erin Ariss, President of Ontario Nurses' Association;				
<b>Note:</b>	Hundreds of home care nurses say they want to be paid the same as their counterparts in hospitals, as bargaining on a new deal gets underway. The Ontario Nurses' Association says it is asking the Victorian Order of Nurses for fair pay for home care nurses, who have to deal with a wide variety of issues other nurses do not.				
<b>Log ID:</b>	20250908T-0125				

ONA is calling for better pay for home care nurses					
Program:	Afternoon News	Air Time:	16:00 PM - 16:05 PM	Date:	2025-Sep-08 16:02 PM
Station:	CJKX FM (KX96)	Network:	Durham Radio Inc.	City:	Oshawa
Reporter:	Announcer Copy	Length:	0:30	Province:	Ontario
Interview:	None				
Note:	The Ontario Nurses' Association says it is asking the Victorian Order of Nurses for fair pay for home-care nurses, who have to deal with a wide variety of issues other nurses do not.				
Log ID:	20250908R-0123				
Fair pay being demanded by Ontario home care nurses					
Program:	News	Air Time:	15:00 PM - 17:00 PM	Date:	2025-Sep-08 15:12 PM
Station:	CablePulse24 (CP24)	Network:	Bell Media Television	City:	Toronto
Reporter:	Announcer Copy	Length:	1:30	Province:	Ontario
Interview:	Erin Ariss, President of Ontario Nurses' Association; Lorna Thompson, Home Care Nurse;				

<b>Note:</b>	Fair pay being demanded by Ontario home care nurses ahead of bargaining talks. ONA President Erin Ariss says the rate of workplace violence is five times higher for those working in home care than for their counterparts in other nursing sectors.
<b>Log ID:</b>	20250908T-0104

<b>Ontario home care nurses asking for a fair pay</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	News	<b>Air Time:</b>	14:00 PM - 14:05 PM
		<b>Date:</b>	2025-Sep-08 14:02 PM
<b>Station:</b>	CFMJAM (Talk Radio AM640)	<b>Network:</b>	Corus Entertainment Inc.
		<b>City:</b>	Toronto
<b>Reporter:</b>	Announcer Copy	<b>Length:</b>	0:30
		<b>Province:</b>	Ontario
<b>Interview:</b>	None		
<b>Note:</b>	Ontario home care nurses asking for a fair pay. The Ontario Nurses' Association says it is asking the Victorian Order of Nurses for fair pay for home care nurses, who have to deal with a wide variety of issues other nurses do not. They say data from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board shows nurses have experienced 2,100 violent workplace incidents in homes over the last two years.		
<b>Log ID:</b>	20250908R-0097		

<b>Home care nurses demand same pay as their hospital counterparts</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	The Roy Green Show	<b>Air Time:</b>	14:00 PM - 17:00 PM
		<b>Date:</b>	2025-Sep-08 14:01 PM
<b>Station:</b>	CFMJAM (Talk Radio AM640)	<b>Network:</b>	Corus Entertainment Inc.
		<b>City:</b>	Toronto
<b>Reporter:</b>	Announcer Copy	<b>Length:</b>	0:30
		<b>Province:</b>	Ontario
<b>Interview:</b>	None		
<b>Note:</b>	Home care nurses demand same pay as their hospital counterparts. The Ontario Nurses' Association says it is asking the Victorian Order of Nurses for		

	fair pay for home care nurses, who have to deal with a wide variety of issues other nurses do not.				
Log ID:	20250908R-0096				
Program:					
Station:					
Reporter:					
Interview:					
Note:					
Log ID:					
Home care nurses demand fair pay					
Program:	24 Dayside (NewsFlow LIVE)	Air Time:	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Date:	2025-Sep-08 10:15 AM
Station:	CablePulse24 (CP24)	Network:	Bell Media Television	City:	Toronto
Reporter:	Announcer Copy	Length:	1:30	Province:	Ontario
Interview:	Erin Ariss, President of Ontario Nurses' Association; Lorna Thompson, Home Care Nurse;				
Note:	Hundreds of home care nurses say they want to be paid the same as their counterparts in hospitals, as bargaining on a new deal gets underway. The Ontario Nurses’ Association says it is asking the Victorian Order of Nurses for fair pay for home care nurses, who have to deal with a wide variety of issues other nurses do not.				
Log ID:	20250908T-0100				

<b>ONA leaders and home care nurses held a press conference</b>			
<b>Ontario nurses to reveal startling new data, call for fair pay for home care nurses</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	News	<b>Air Time:</b> 06:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Date:</b> 2025-Sep-08 06:00 AM
<b>Station:</b>	CHTG FM (The Grand)	<b>Network:</b> Durham Radio Inc.	<b>City:</b> Hamilton
<b>Reporter:</b>	Announcer Copy	<b>Length:</b> 0:30	<b>Province:</b> Ontario

**Interview:** None

**Note:** Home care nurses and leaders of the Ontario Nurses' Association are holding a media conference at Queen's Park on Monday, September 8 to release startling data regarding home care nurses and call on both the Victorian Order of Nurses and provincial government to increase resources.

**Log ID:** 20250908R-0078

## Ontario home care nurses demand equal pay with hospital staff

98.9 myFM, September 9, 2025

[Ontario home care nurses demand equal pay with hospital staff | NorfolkToday.ca](#)

### Union calls for home-care nurses to get same pay, benefits as hospital nurses

**Program:** Fight Back with Libby Znaime  
**Air Time:** 12:00 PM - 13:00 PM  
**Date:** 2025-Sep-09 12:48 PM

**Station:** CFZM AM (Zoomer Radio, AM 740)  
**Network:** ZoomerMedia Limited  
**City:** Toronto

**Reporter:** Libby Znaime  
**Length:** 13:00  
**Province:** Ontario

**Interview:** Erin Ariss, ONA Provincial President;

**Note:** Home care nurses are actively disputing a pay disparity with hospital nurses, demanding equal wages and benefits. The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) represents nurses in this sector, arguing that significant underfunding and poor conditions

have led to a substantial wage gap, up to \$20 less per hour in some cases. This pay difference contributes to nurse shortages as staff leave the home care sector for better-compensated hospital positions.

**Log ID:** 20250909R-0150

## **Ontario investing \$2.4 million to expand Brock University's nursing program**

Niagara Independent, September 12, 2025

[The Niagara Independent](#)

### ***Nursing coverage:***

#### **Golden ratio**

Globe and Mail, September 9, 2025

[Letters to the editor, Sept. 9: 'Politicians should ask themselves: What would Ken Dryden do?' - The Globe and Mail](#)

### ***Industry coverage:***

#### **The summer (and fall) of our COVID discontent**

Globe and Mail, September 5, 2025

[The summer \(and fall\) of our COVID discontent - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Sault Study: Why opioids are so addictive, no matter who you are**

Sudbury.com, September 6, 2025

[Sault Study: Why opioids are so addictive, no matter who you are - Sudbury News](#)

## **Spike in overdoses, including 2 deaths, prompts health alert in Guelph area**

Global News, September 5, 2025

[Spike in overdoses, including 2 deaths, prompts health alert in Guelph area |](#)

[Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Why some Canadians are using their savings, GoFundMe to pay for private surgeries**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Why some Canadians are using their savings, GoFundMe to pay for private surgeries |](#)

[CBC Radio](#)

## **Canada doesn't have a national plan on sepsis. Researchers say that needs to change**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Canada doesn't have a national plan on sepsis. Researchers say that needs to change | CBC News](#)

## **Canadian lifespans are no longer increasing. Here are some possible reasons why**

Globe and Mail, September 7, 2025

[Canadian lifespans are no longer increasing. Here are some possible reasons why - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Western University building one-of-a-kind facility to test how infectious diseases spread**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Western University building one-of-a-kind facility to test how infectious diseases spread | CBC News](#)

## **Opioid-related emergency department visits and deaths drop in Guelph area**

CBC News, September 9, 2025

[Opioid-related emergency department visits and deaths drop in Guelph area | CBC News](#)

## **Ending vaccine mandates is a cynical political play – and it threatens children's lives**

Globe and Mail, September 9, 2025

[Ending vaccine mandates is a cynical political play – and it threatens children's lives - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Pharmacare law cannot be implemented in inequitable way, former advisory council chair says**

Globe and Mail, September 8, 2025

[Pharmacare law cannot be implemented in inequitable way, former advisory council chair says - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Canada must put together national action plan to tackle sepsis, researchers say**

CP24, September 9, 2025

[Canada not prepared to prevent sepsis tragedies: researchers](#)

## **Carfentanil appearing in record levels in Toronto drug supply: report**

CBC News, September 9, 2025

[Carfentanil appearing in record levels in Toronto drug supply: report | CBC News](#)

## **PHAC to take over running Vaccine Injury Support Program from private company**

Globe and Mail, September 9, 2025

[PHAC to take over running Vaccine Injury Support Program from private company - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **2 Winnipeg police officers to be stationed at HSC**

Global News, September 9, 2025

[2 Winnipeg police officers to be stationed at HSC - Winnipeg | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **‘Alarming’: Study finds 44% of people with diabetes don’t know they have it**

Global News, September 9, 2025

[‘Alarming’: Study finds 44% of people with diabetes don’t know they have it - National | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Alberta intends to opt out of federal dental care plan by 2026. What that means for you is still unclear**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Alberta intends to opt out of federal dental care plan by 2026. What that means for you is still unclear | CBC News](#)

## **Opinion | Politics is opening the door for preventable diseases to return**

Toronto Star, September 11, 2025

[Florida’s attack on vaccines will also harm Canadians](#)

## **ER visits for pneumonia doubled last fall, CIHI data shows**

Canadian Press, September 11, 2025

[ER visits for pneumonia doubled last fall, CIHI data shows](#)

## **How to protect yourself from false health information spreading online**

CBC News, September 11, 2025

[How to protect yourself from false health information spreading online | CBC News](#)

## **New analysis indicates higher lethality of avian flu at B.C. ostrich farm: CFIA vet**

Canadian Press, September 10, 2025



[New analysis indicates higher lethality of avian flu at B.C. ostrich farm: CFIA vet | CBC News](#)

### **Another person dead in London, Ont., legionnaires' outbreak as \$86M class action proposed**

CBC News, September 10, 2025

[Another person dead in London, Ont., legionnaires' outbreak as \\$86M class action proposed | CBC News](#)

### **Hospital staff provided 'reasonable' care to Ontario teen who died after waiting hours in ER, statement of defence claims**

Globe and Mail, September 11, 2025

[Hospital staff provided 'reasonable' care to Ontario teen who died after waiting hours in ER, statement of defence claims - The Globe and Mail](#)

### **Public Health issues alert as local syphilis rate spikes 2,000% in women**

Sudbury.com, September 11, 2025

[Public Health issues alert as local syphilis rate spikes 2,000% in women - Sudbury News](#)

### **'Exposed villain': Fake nurse leaves courthouse wearing medical mask**

Sudbury.com, September 10, 2025

['Exposed villain': Fake nurse leaves courthouse wearing medical mask - Sudbury News](#)

### **This Toronto organization helped patients at the height of the AIDS crisis. Forty years later, here's why it's closing**

Toronto Star, September 12, 2025

[AIDS Committee of Toronto to close after 42 years](#)

### **Opinion | Fear of vaccines is a social contagion. How did that happen?**

Toronto Star, September 12, 2025

[Fear of vaccines is a social contagion. How did that happen?](#)

### **Dozens of properties allegedly bought in \$50M LHSC fraud scheme can now be sold**

CBC News, September 11, 2025

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## **Clinical trials for childhood cancer closed to new Canadian patients in wake of U.S. funding cuts**

Globe and Mail, September 11, 2025

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### ***Labour coverage:***

## **Air Canada flight attendants overwhelmingly reject tentative deal with the airline**

Toronto Star, September 6, 2025

[Air Canada flight attendants reject tentative deal](#)

## **Union fights Doug Ford's return-to-office order for civil servants**

Toronto Star, September 5, 2025

[Union fights Ontario Premier Doug Ford's return-to-office order](#)

## **Overcrowding, violence remain serious issues at Thunder Bay correctional facilities: union**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Overcrowding, violence remain serious issues at Thunder Bay correctional facilities: union | CBC News](#)

## **Ontario college support staff reject latest offer, begin strike**

Toronto Star, September 11, 2025

[Ontario college support staff reject latest offer, begin strike](#)

## **Ontario labour critic urges review of skilled trades exam contractor as apprentices face long waits**

CBC News, September 11, 2025

[Ontario labour critic urges review of skilled trades exam contractor as apprentices face long waits | CBC News](#)

## **Windsor city workers' union leadership removed**

CBC News, September 10, 2025

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## **Alberta teachers plan provincewide strike starting Oct. 6: 'Patience has run out'**

Global News, September 10, 2025

[Alberta teachers plan provincewide strike starting Oct. 6: 'Patience has run out' | Globalnews.ca](#)

### **Canada Post union set to give update on postal service bargaining saga**

Canadian Press, September 12, 2025

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### **Ontario college support staff begin strike as sides remain far apart: 'This fight touches all of us'**

Toronto Star, September 11, 2025

[Ontario college support staff reject proposal, begin strike](#)

### **Some public service jobs will be cut as Ottawa adopts AI: chief data officer**

Canadian Press, September 12, 2025

[Some public service jobs will be cut as Ottawa adopts AI: chief data officer](#)

### **OPSEU calls for greater accountability on Ontario's work-force training fund**

Globe and Mail, September 11, 2025

[OPSEU calls for greater accountability on Ontario's work-force training fund - The Globe and Mail](#)

### ***Human Rights and Equity coverage:***

### **Black TDSB students say they face 'dehumanizing' racism, greater academic hurdles, new studies find**

Toronto Star, September 8, 2025

[Black TDSB students face achievement gap: U of T researchers](#)

### **How an Anishinaabe artist is bringing Truth and Reconciliation into classrooms with a board game**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[How an Anishinaabe artist is bringing Truth and Reconciliation into classrooms with a board game | CBC News](#)

### **Full Moon Memory Walk honours Indigenous women, girls lost to violence in Thunder Bay**

CBC News, September 8, 2025

[Full Moon Memory Walk honours Indigenous women, girls lost to violence in Thunder Bay | CBC News](#)

## **Niagara rally by masked members of men's 'nationalist club' raises fears of growing extremism**

CBC News, September 9, 2025

[Niagara rally by masked members of men's 'nationalist club' raises fears of growing extremism | CBC News](#)

## **Toronto committee calls for race-based data on social housing evictions**

CBC News, September 9, 2025

[Toronto committee calls for race-based data on social housing evictions | CBC News](#)

## **Ottawa urged to ensure bubble zones protect LGBTQ and other groups from harassment by protesters**

Globe and Mail, September 8, 2025

[Ottawa urged to ensure bubble zones protect LGBTQ and other groups from harassment by protesters - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Detroit-area city can ban 2SLGBTQ+ pride flags on public property, judge says**

Associated Press, September 9, 2025

[Detroit-area city can ban 2SLGBTQ+ pride flags on public property, judge says | CBC News](#)

## **Province adds \$5M to program that helps racialized business owners expand and grow**

CBC News, September 10, 2025

[Province adds \\$5M to program that helps racialized business owners expand and grow | CBC News](#)

## **Ontario Indigenous leaders hold town halls on \$8.5B child welfare agreement**

CBC News, September 12, 2025

[Ontario Indigenous leaders hold town halls on \\$8.5B child welfare agreement | CBC News](#)

### ***Political coverage:***

## **Booze, business and populism: Doug Ford's antics evoke lessons from the past**

Globe and Mail, September 8, 2025

[Booze, business and populism: Doug Ford's antics evoke lessons from the past - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Ontario Liberals ‘allowed Doug Ford to define himself,’ report on election loss concludes**

Toronto Star, September 8, 2025

[Ontario Liberals ‘allowed Doug Ford to define himself’](#)

## **Ontario Liberals’ election focus on health care missed the mark, campaign review says**

Canadian Press, September 8, 2025

[Ontario election: Liberal focus on health care missed the mark](#)

## **Look harder, Doug Ford tells unemployed young people seeking work**

Toronto Star, September 9, 2025

[Look harder, Doug Ford tells unemployed young people](#)

## **Carney’s 1st budget to show Canadians the ‘cost to sovereignty’: experts**

Canadian Press, September 10, 2025

[Carney's 1st budget to show Canadians the 'cost to sovereignty': experts](#)

## **Public Safety Minister’s link to civil liberties group doesn’t require ethics screen, watchdog says**

Globe and Mail, September 10, 2025

[Public Safety Minister’s link to civil liberties group doesn’t require ethics screen, watchdog says - The Globe and Mail](#)

## **Doug Ford threatens to put the Ontario economy on the rocks**

Globe and Mail, September 10, 2025

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## **Ford government declines to say if temporary foreign worker program should end**

Global News, September 10, 2025

[Ford government declines to say if temporary foreign worker program should end | Globalnews.ca](#)

## **Trump might come after our drug prices. Universities need to help us play defence**

Globe and Mail, September 11, 2025

[Trump might come after our drug prices. Universities need to help us play defence - The Globe and Mail](#)

**Ford government won't eliminate French, Catholic trustees but English board has no cover**

Global News, September 10, 2025

[Ford government won't eliminate French, Catholic trustees but English board has no cover | Globalnews.ca](#)

**Ontario's Auditor General to probe \$2.5 billion Skills Development Fund amid questions about grants**

CTV News, September 10, 2025

[Ford government: Auditor General looking in Ontario Skills Development Fund grants](#)

**Opinion | Doug Ford has come untethered as his poll numbers soar**

Toronto Star, September 12, 2025

[Doug Ford has come untethered as his poll numbers soar](#)

**Mark Carney says he'll make pharmacare deals with provinces, but won't commit to expanding their coverage**

Toronto Star, September 11, 2025

[Mark Carney says he'll make pharmacare deals with provinces](#)

**Opinion | On youth unemployment, Doug Ford is detached from reality. He's also giving young people terrible advice**

Toronto Star, September 12, 2025

[On youth unemployment, Doug Ford is detached from reality. He's also giving young people terrible advice](#)

## **Media Release**

### **Ontario Nurses' Association Calls on Victorian Order of Nurses to Pay Fair for Home Care Ahead of Bargaining**

**TORONTO, ON**, September 8, 2025 – Armed with new statistics showing staggering rates of workplace violence against registered nurses (RNs) employed by the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON), the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) held a media conference today with the Official Opposition to call for fair pay and better funding for home care.

“Home care RNs are the lowest-paid nurses in the province, despite facing among the worst working conditions,” said ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “The system is hanging by a thread now. Understaffed, unsafe and underpaid RNs are leaving the sector, as the largely female workers face a staggering amount of violence – five times that of nurses in other health-care sectors.”

Contract talks between the VON and ONA begin this week; VON nurses are currently paid 14 per cent less in real wages than 10 years ago and are not compensated for the full cost of mileage nor – in many cases – the hours it takes to travel from one client to another. ONA bargaining team chair for VON, Lorna Thompson, RN, says “this is a pivotal contract for those of us who are passionate about providing high-quality, holistic health care to our clients. We are putting VON on notice that it must respect and pay us properly. Our wages are currently so low that many of us are forced to take on second jobs or visit food banks, and the low wages are a barrier to hiring and retaining nurses. We demand equal pay for our work and expect nothing less.”

Evidence shows that home care – especially not-for-profit home care – is essential. It saves the health-care system much-needed funds and helps keep people from needing hospital care or long-term care. VON nurses support clients with complex medical needs, provide palliative care and care for those with chronic health conditions,” says Ariss.

“With Ontario’s aging population expected to grow dramatically in the coming years, we cannot afford to ignore the working conditions driving home care nurses away. We call on the Ford government and VON to pay fair for home care.”

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

## **Media Release**

### **Public Health Nurses at Algoma Public Health Head to Conciliation, Seeking to Reach a New Negotiated Contract with Fair Pay and Job Security**

**ALGOMA, ON,** September 12, 2025 – Public health nurses in Algoma (Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, Blind River and Elliot Lake) are heading to conciliation on Monday as they seek to negotiate a new contract.

“Our skilled nurses are sounding the alarm about the growing crisis in public health,” says Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “Chronic understaffing, increased workloads and stagnant wages are pushing the system — and those who rely on it — to the breaking point.

“Nurses working in northern communities are on the front lines of essential public health services, from maternal and child health, chronic disease prevention, vaccinations, infectious disease case management, and emergency response. Despite their critical role, these nurses are paid some of the lowest wages in the province,” she says. Ariss notes that “these nurses carried their communities through a global pandemic and a large measles outbreak, yet their work continues to be undervalued. Falling behind other health units makes it impossible to recruit and retain staff – and the public will pay the price.”

There have been three days of negotiations to date, and among the key issues facing the 60 registered nurses and one nurse practitioner are understaffing; the lowest public health nurse wages in the province; burnout due to heavy workloads; and a lack of job security.

During conciliation, the nurses will seek competitive compensation that reflects the unique challenges of northern practice and cost of living; investment in recruitment to reach safer staffing levels that ensure safe, sustainable, and equitable access to health care for all communities; and job protection.

“Public health nurses are the backbone of rural and northern health care,” says Ariss. “Algoma Public Health nurses are stretched so thin that their ability to provide safe, high-quality care is at risk. Communities deserve better, and so do the nurses who serve them.”

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