

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

April 6 to 10, 2026

**Ontario Nurses' Association
Daily Media Scan**

April 13, 2026

ONA coverage:

Major healthcare shift as AI emergency care moves into Toronto homes

Insauga, April 13, 2026

<https://www.insauga.com/major-healthcare-shift-as-ai-emergency-care-moves-into-toronto-homes/>

Ontario Faces Backlash After Nursing Job Cuts Raise Concerns Over Staffing Shortfalls

Weekly Voice, March 23, 2026

<https://weeklyvoice.com/ontario-faces-backlash-after-nursing-job-cuts-raise-concerns-over-staffing-shortfalls/>

Nursing coverage:

Patients shouldn't pay nurse practitioners out-of-pocket — Ford

The North Bay Nugget, April 11, 2026

<https://www.nugget.ca/news/patients-shouldnt-pay-nurse-practitioners-out-of-pocket-ford>

Industry coverage:

Cancer remains top cause of death in Canada as new study shows multiple types rising

CBC News, April 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/canadian-cancer-projections-9.7159535>

People treated for cancer as youths twice as likely to develop new tumours years later, study finds

The Globe and Mail, April 13, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-people-treated-for-cancer-as-youths-twice-as-likely-to-develop-new/>

Heather Winterstein 'looked terrified' before collapsing in St. Catharines hospital, witness tells inquest

CBC News, April 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/winterstein-inquest-patient-witness-9.7159641>

Opposition grows as workforce cuts loom at The Ottawa Hospital

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7159956>

Le poids financier des agences privées fragilise l'Hôpital Notre-Dame de Hearst

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/2244039/hopital-hearst-depenses-infirmiers-ambulants>

Labour coverage:

Ontario government broadens access to WSIB, raises age cut-off and benefits

The Globe and Mail, April 13, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-ontario-government-broadens-access-to-wsib-raises-age-cut-off-and/>

Unions criticize merger of two Ontario colleges, blame low provincial funding

The Hamilton Spectator, April 12, 2026

https://www.thespec.com/politics/unions-criticize-merger-of-two-ontario-colleges-blame-low-provincial-funding/article_164a719c-586e-5958-9f8e-bdb13dea414a.html#tncms-source=hamilton-region

Labour ministry, police investigating worker death at London Maple Leaf Foods plant

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/labour-ministry-police-investigating-worker-death-at-london-maple-leaf-foods-plant-9.7159414>

Political coverage:

Increased pressure on Ford government to address rising cost of living weeks after budget

CBC News, April 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-ford-cost-of-living-affordability-9.7157646>

Voters head to polls in 3 federal byelections that could deliver majority Liberal government

CBC News, April 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/byelection-liberal-conservatives-carney-majority-government-9.7161054>

Nursing coverage:

Nurses to stay in Schools

The Picton Gazette, April 8, 2026

<https://www.pictongazette.ca/post/nurses-to-stay-in-schools>

Industry coverage:

Ontario to extend workplace safety, insurance coverage in privately run retirement and group homes

The Canadian Press, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/wsib-coverage-extended-ontario-9.7155887>

LifeLabs' Sudbury laboratory will remain open with reduced operations, for now

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/lifelabs-sudbury-closing-laboratory-facility-testing-may-2026-9.7155194>

Decade of death: With 18,000 lives lost, B.C. counts cost of 10-year drug emergency

The Toronto Star, April 8, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/british-columbia/decade-of-death-with-18000-lives-lost-bc-counts-cost-of-10-year-drug-emergency/article_0d297279-157a-573c-a149-68270aefbcf2.html

Doctors can now prescribe Hamilton Conservation Authority pass

The Hamilton Spectator, April 8, 2026

https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/hamilton-nature-prescription/article_53bf5bbb-4c09-52fc-aa75-1ddb93a36a85.html

Erie Shores HealthCare projects \$2-million deficit

CTV Windsor, April 8, 2026

<https://www.am800cklw.com/news/erie-shores-healthcare-projects-2-million-deficit.html>

Labour coverage:

How many recent Canadian immigrants are overqualified for their jobs? New numbers shed light on extent of problem

The Toronto Star, April 8, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/how-many-recent-canadian-immigrants-are-overqualified-for-their-jobs-new-numbers-shed-light-on-extent-of-problem/article_5288b68c-af6a-4efb-ad6f-cb25b42336cd.html

TDSB expects to cut 289 teaching positions as enrolment declines, board says

CBC News, April 7, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-district-school-board-teaching-positions-cuts-9.7155310>

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Organization that fights food insecurity is closing its doors in Sault Ste. Marie

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/algoma-community-pantry-closing-sault-9.7155164>

Political coverage:

Conservative MP Marilyn Gladu crosses floor to Liberals

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/conservative-mp-marilyn-gladu-crosses-floor-to-liberals-9.7156167>

Ontario NDP leader on 2-day Windsor visit with jobs, OSAP cuts on agenda

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/marit-stiles-windsor-visit-ndp-9.7155642>

Nursing coverage:

Heather Winterstein shouldn't have been in wait room, needed frequent checks, medical expert tells inquest

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/winterstein-medical-expert-inquest-9.7157306>

704 high school students in Waterloo region suspended for out-of-date vaccination records

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/2026-waterloo-region-high-school-students-suspended-vaccination-records-out-of-date-9.7157437>

Ontario aims to provide WSIB coverage for private health-care workers

The Hamilton Spectator, April 9, 2026

https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/ontario-wsib-private-healthcare/article_85a344c4-14c4-5e9a-bad9-4f697aa1352f.html

A look behind the curtain of Nursing Home Without Walls

CBC News, April 7, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/nursing-home-without-walls-9.7148917>

Industry coverage:

They went for Botox to look better. They ended up in the ICU struggling to breathe

The Toronto Star, April 9, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/they-went-for-botox-to-look-better-they-ended-up-in-the-icu-struggling-to-breathe/article_efd5afd3-9de6-40d5-8236-11901b0c64dd.html

New toxic drugs found in street supply in prompting alerts from health units in much of the northeast

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/toxic-potent-deadly-overdoses-fatalities-9.7156684>

She travelled 900 km for an abortion. Years later, Quebec access issues remain urgent

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-montreal-surgical-abortion-access-9.7155966>

Hospital pharmacists say staffing crunch is wearing them thin — and hurting patient care

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/hospital-pharmacists-rally-9.7156436>

Toronto man not criminally responsible for killing his grandmother is free despite psychiatrist's warning

The National Post, April 8, 2026

<https://nationalpost.com/news/canada/toronto-man-found-not-criminally-responsible-for-killing-grandmother-gets-absolute-discharge>

Labour coverage:

New job site for Sudbury helps people who are disabled find work

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/job-website-disabled-handicaped-applicants-9.7156661>

Political coverage:

Why 173 seats — and not needing the Speaker's vote — matters to the Liberals

The Toronto Star, April 9, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/politics/federal/why-173-seats--and-not-needing-the-speakers-vote--matters-to-the-liberals/article_cffc35bd-831d-497f-acb2-ba81eedcd7a1.html

How a Senate bill could end the Indian Act's 2nd-generation cut-off

CBC News, April 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/bill-s2-indian-act-9.7155316>

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Insauga, April 10, 2026

<https://www.insauga.com/major-healthcare-shift-as-ai-emergency-care-moves-into-toronto-homes/>

Nursing coverage:

Ontario hospital nurse tells inquest she never spoke to Heather Winterstein on day she died, staff overwhelmed

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/winterstein-inquest-nurse-9.7158668>

Staff at Sudbury long-term care home protest layoffs while operator insists patient care unaffected

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/extendicare-countryside-layoffs-unionized-health-care-nurses-sudbury-9.7158163>

St. Catharines nurse describes ‘scary’ ER conditions at Indigenous woman’s inquest

CHCH News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.chch.com/chch-news/st-catharines-nurse-describes-scary-er-conditions-at-indigenous-womans-inquest/>

North Bay nurse practitioner-led clinic signs up 245 patients under provincial plan

BayToday, April 9, 2026

<https://www.baytoday.ca/local-news/north-bay-nurse-practitioner-led-clinic-signs-up-245-patients-under-provincial-plan-12120120>

Nurses union wants weapons screening, officers, for Alberta hospitals due to violence

The Toronto Star, April 9, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/alberta/nurses-union-wants-weapons-screening-officers-for-alberta-hospitals-due-to-violence/article_c418e8b9-fb3a-5597-b11b-5d503291b646.html

Nurse practitioner outlines issues for women’s health in Sask.

CTV News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/regina/article/nurse-practitioner-outlines-issues-for-womens-health-in-sask/>

Industry coverage:

Ford government quietly reverses medical residency rule that excluded most immigrant physicians

The Toronto Star, April 10, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/ford-government-quietly-reverses-medical-residency-rule-that-excluded-most-immigrant-physicians/article_923d64a4-20c1-437f-bc73-731536b62bb8.html

'A tragic, tragic case': Dad sues HHS after son dies following routine tonsil surgery

The Hamilton Spectator, April 10, 2026

https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/pediatric-tonsil-surgery-mcmaster/article_cf5ea65b-1325-5372-8fd2-35f026d69976.html

Less than a dozen people got the only HIV cure that exists. Canadian scientists are on the cusp of changing that

The Toronto Star, April 10, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/life/health-wellness/local-scientists-say-theyre-on-the-cusp-of-a-made-in-canada-hiv-cure--priced-to-be-accessible-to-all/article_9d802360-cc4c-4e39-a97f-46649f3f102e.html

Ontario's last provincially funded supervised drug site in Kingston to become HART Hub

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/kingston-supervised-drug-consumptions-site-to-become-hart-hub-9.7159168>

The Ottawa Hospital to cut 3% of its workforce

CBC News, April 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/the-ottawa-hospital-to-cut-3-of-its-workforce-9.7158122>

Labour coverage:

More accommodation requests being refused, federal unions say

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/remote-work-home-canada-federal-government-worker-staff-9.7158258>

Labour ministry, police investigating worker death at London Maple Leaf Foods plant

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/labour-ministry-police-investigating-worker-death-at-london-maple-leaf-foods-plant-9.7159414>

London's jobless rate moves into top spot in Canada

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-unemployment-9.7159071>

Windsor's jobless rate rose in March — tied for 3rd worst behind Kitchener-Waterloo, London

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsors-jobless-rate-rose-in-march-tied-for-3rd-worst-behind-kitchener-waterloo-london-9.7158971>

Political coverage:

Immigration Department informing some 30,000 applicants they may be ineligible for refugee hearings

CBC News, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/immigration-thirty-thousand-ineligible-asylum-9.7158489>

Ford government to cut length of teachers' college, revamp training requirements

The Canadian Press, April 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-teachers-college-9.7159315>