

**Ontario Nurses' Association  
June 3 to 14, 2024**

**Weekly Media Scan & Media Release Summary**

***ONA coverage:***

**Local Rally Held to Protest Health Care Privatization**

TB Newswatch, May 30, 2024

[VIDEO: Local rally held to protest health care privatization - TBNewsWatch.com](#)

**Behind the scenes at Brantford General Hospital's emergency department**

Hamilton Spectator, June 4, 2024

[Faced with a host of challenges, from aging infrastructure to sicker patients, the emergency department is undergoing a transformation](#)

**Public Health Nurses Headed To Conciliation After Being Without A Contract Since January**

Kawartha 411, June 13, 2024

[KAWARTHA LAKES-Fifty public health nurses and registered practical nurses are in the process of negotiating a new collective agreement.](#)

***Nursing coverage:***

**Conservatives say no to reducing nurse burnout**

Ontario NDP, June 5, 2024

[QUEEN'S PARK – Today, the Conservative government rejected the NDP's 'Patient-to-Nurse Ratios for Hospitals Act, 2024', which aimed to reduce nurse burnout and improve patient care](#)

**Temporary help agency RPNs are subject to a hospital's collective agreement**

Borden Ladner Gervais, June 10, 2024

[A Board of Arbitration, chaired by Laura Trachuck, was tasked with determining whether Perth and Smiths Falls District Hospital's \(the Hospital\) use of agency registered practical nurse \(RPNs\) to address critical staffing challenges was a violation of its collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees \(CUPE\).](#)

**WRH organizes NICU reunion**

CKNX News Today, June 14, 2024

[Windsor Regional Hospital invites all NICU graduates and their families to a picnic reunion this weekend.](#)

***COVID-19 coverage:***

**4 years later, COVID remains year-round threat. Here's why this virus isn't seasonal quite yet**

CBC News, June 8, 2024

[Scientists bracing for another summer wave as virus continues to evolve](#)

***Industry coverage:***

**'A lot of people are very angry:' How a Doug Ford promise set off a health-care fight in cottage country**

Toronto Star, June 3, 2024

[How a Doug Ford vow turned into a fight in cottage country \(thestar.com\)](#)

**Cancer patients often do better with less intensive treatment, new research finds**

Toronto Star, June 2, 2024

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**Two-thirds of Canadians have experienced traumatic events in their lives, StatsCan says**

CBC News, June 2, 2024

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**This Ontario woman called a mental health hotline for help but was told no one was available**

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**Northeastern Ontario hospitals switch to new electronic records system today**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[The 23 hospitals across the region will now be able to share patient records among themselves](#)

**Ontario seeks more private MRI, CT clinics for public scans**

The Canadian Press, June 3, 2024

[Right now, there are seven such clinics in the province that provide one or both of the diagnostic imaging services](#)

### **Grey County renews request to province to discuss Durham hospital**

Grey-Bruce This Week, May 31, 2024

[Grey County council is requesting an immediate meeting with Ontario Health Minister Sylvia Jones and South Bruce Grey Health Centre officials about decisions to move inpatient beds out of the Durham hospital](#)

### **Anaplasmosis: What to know about the lesser-known tick-borne disease on the rise in Ontario**

National Post, June 4, 2024

[Anaplasmosis can cause fever, headache, muscle aches, chills and severe respiratory illness, among other symptoms. If not treated, it can be life-threatening](#)

### **Canada's dental care program expands June 27 to cover children, people with disabilities**

CBC News, June 3, 2024

[More than 1.2 million additional Canadians will be eligible for program as gradual expansion continues](#)

### **Health card catch-22 stymies Ottawa handyman**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[Jorg Santowski says he's visited 8 Service Ontario outlets with no one able to help](#)

### **How to find the right balance between telemedicine and in-person care**

CP24, June 3, 2024

[Patients can now see an array of doctors without leaving their recliner thanks to telemedicine. But that doesn't mean trips to the office should end](#)

### **Behind Calgary woman whose MAID access currently blocked by courts now starving herself to death**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[Daughter has autism and won't disclose the reasons she was approved for MAID](#)

### **How eating less salt can improve microbiome health**

Washington Post, June 5, 2024

[Some experts suspect that one way a high-sodium diet contributes to hypertension is by disrupting gut microbes that help to regulate your blood pressure](#)

### **What is auto-brewery syndrome and how it happens**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[Despite not drinking alcohol, patients show high blood alcohol levels](#)

## **WHO confirms 1<sup>st</sup> fatal human case of H5N1 bird flu**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

[Globally, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> lab-confirmed human case of infection with A\(H5N1\) subtype of bird flu](#)

## **How do you prevent MSK injuries? Use AI, says expert**

HRRReporter, June 5, 2024

[Expert explains how employers can use AI data to avoid injuries, instead of dealing with them after the fact](#)

## **2 children die after tonsil, adenoid surgeries at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

[Hospital halting such procedures unless an emergency as it does 'comprehensive review'](#)

## **Parents of the smallest babies in P.E.I. intensive care unit getting more involved early on**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

['Even changing her bum was weird... now it's OK,' says mom of one preemie](#)

## **Ontario's health-care system is in crisis. More privatization isn't the answer**

TVO, June 5, 2024

[OPINION: Yes, we need more facilities, and we need specialized facilities that can efficiently process procedures. But why can't they be not-for-profit?](#)

## **Could a Canadian breakthrough lead to an ALS cure?**

City News, June 7, 2024

[The past few months have seen an incredible sense of optimism around research being done by a team at Western University, who seem to have found a way to prevent the cell death at the core of the disease](#)

## **Public health officials warn about rise in cases involving 'potentially life-threatening bacterial infection'**

CP24, June 7, 2024

[Public health officials in Toronto are raising concerns about an increase in cases involving a "potentially life-threatening bacterial infection" and are warning residents to ensure they are vaccinated](#)

## **Heat stress toolkit, WHSC training to help growing hazard**

Workers Health, June 6, 2024

[As more workers around the globe are exposed to extreme heat on the job greater protection and specific workplace action is urgently needed](#)

## **Can we do anything to improve the lives of care home residents?**

Calmar Voice, June 14, 2024

[Canada's rapidly changing demographics are daunting, highlighting the needs of Canada's growing senior population](#)

## **Seniors' group CARP says it's quitting Big Tobacco sponsorships after response from fired up members**

CBC News, June 14, 2024

[After getting an earful from CARP members, the advocacy group for older people says it will no longer accept sponsorship from tobacco companies](#)

## **Inmates at Kenora District Jail not getting proper access to menstrual products, advocates say**

CBC News, June 14, 2024

['Kenora jail has an adequate supply of menstrual products on hand': provincial spokesperson](#)

## **Alberta pathologist shocked after name forged on face prescriptions for oxycodone in Toronto area**

CBC News, June 13, 2024

[Ontario pharmacists alerted about fraudulent prescriptions linked to Alberta](#)

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Healthing, June 13, 2024

[Dr. Pere Santamaria paved the way for immunology research and continues to work toward finding new ways to treat autoimmune disease](#)

## **More than 400 patients moved into Ontario nursing homes they didn't choose to go to**

The Canadian Press, June 12, 2024

[About one-third of those patients were moved in just February and March, the last two months for which data was available](#)

## **It's time we take the words 'private' and 'profit' out of how we care for our seniors**

Burlington Gazette, June 13, 2024

[Over 200 residents of Heritage Glen Retirement Home in Mississauga were given eviction notices issued by Chartwell Care](#)

## **My advocacy for mental health: From professional mission to personal passion**

Healthing, June 12, 2024

[“We live in a stressful world, and people don’t choose their circumstances. I think if we include more advocacy, we can shift more to a proactive approach \(to mental health care\).”](#)

### **Scientist working on mystery N.B. brain condition claimed he was ‘cut off’ for ‘political’ reasons**

CBC News, June 7, 2024

[Dr. Michael Coulthart was moved off file after team ‘ruled out’ his specialty cause of disease, PHAC says](#)

### **Can a diet that’s good for the planet reduce your risk of dying from disease**

CBC News, June 10, 2024

[A new study finds that sticking close to the Planetary Health Diet is associated with a lower risk of dying by cancer, and cardiovascular, respiratory and neurodegenerative diseases](#)

### **She’s living with a needle left in her spine, yet no one will tell her which doctor did it**

CBC News, June 10, 2024

[Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons criticized for botching investigations into patient’s complaints](#)

### **Canadians who have lost their sense of smell say it’s misunderstood, undervalued – and deserves more attention**

CBC Radio, June 9, 2024

[Modern research suggests that smell is less dispensable than we might think, and can tell us a lot](#)

### **Mexico says patient died of chronic disease, not H5N2 bird flu**

CBC News, June 7, 2024

[WHO describes case as a ‘multifactorial death’](#)

### **Accel, Mint and Pharmascience recall some drugs over efficacy test data concerns**

CBC News, June 8, 2024

[Lab that conducted tests is no longer reliable, Health Canada says](#)

### **People with back pain often shy away from movement. Getting in the water may help, experts say**

CBC Radio, June 8, 2024

[Experts say being in water offloads joints and helps people move without fear of injury, or kinesiophobia](#)

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## **Canada Disability Benefit won't lift 'hundreds and thousands' out of poverty, new numbers confirm**

CBC News, June 7, 2024

[Federal minister claimed the benefit would lift 'hundreds and thousands of working age' people out of poverty](#)

## **Here are some of the people trying to fix period education across North America**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[Tons of new initiatives are trying to teach girls – and boys – about periods as harmful myths circulate online](#)

## **Dalhousie University halts Saint John cardiac training after students allege harassment**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[Investigation launched in November, says president of medical students' society](#)

## **Man asks Speakers Corner for help after waiting 2 years to get 'lifesaving device' replaced**

City News, June 10, 2024

[Millions of Canadians have some form of sleep apnea. Bryan Gyene, who lives in Aurora, was diagnosed several years ago with a severe form that greatly impacted his life](#)

## **Ransomware attack on England's health system highlights life-threatening impact of cybercrime**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[National Health Service urgently seeks blood donors after transfusions disrupted](#)

## **Low-calorie sweetener linked to heart attacks, strokes: study**

City News, June 11, 2024

[It's a common sweetener that's used in tons of products that are likely in your home. Researchers are sounding the alarm about xylitol](#)

## **Convenient access to alcohol is going to cost us**

TVO, June 11, 2024

[OPINION: Ontario's plan to expand access could create catastrophic harms – but calls to action are being ignored](#)

## **Inhalation rooms in safe consumption sites could save lives, Alberta advocates say**

CBC News, June 12, 2024

[Five out of Alberta's seven supervised consumption sites lack something advocates say would save lives – a room where users can inhale drugs, only having space for people who inject drugs, leaving those who smoke and inhale substances out on the street](#)

### **Give doctors a raise from new capital gains revenue: Freeland**

Telegraph-Journal, June 12, 2024

[Finance minister made comment earlier this week when asked about criticism from country's medical groups over tax hike](#)

### **Why are we not using evidence-informed workload management in health care?**

Healthy Debate, June 12, 2024

[Excessive staff workloads lie at the root of the current human resources crisis in health care](#)

### **Collingwood hospital calls 2-day OB unit closure 'isolated incident'**

Barrie Today, June 11, 2024

[Area hospital's obstetrics unit was closed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 10 and 11, but officials say it was due to staff calling in sick](#)

### **Ozempic claims in Sask. Spike more than 3,000% in 5 years, many for weight loss**

CBC News, June 12, 2024

[Obesity Canada says drug plans discriminate between diabetes and obesity, both chronic diseases](#)

### **'Suicide headache' patient granted magic mushroom access after Health Canada u-turn**

CBC News, June 12, 2024

[Jody Lance's 'historic win' comes after a federal court judge ruled Health Canada wholly disregarded legal arguments that he has a Charter right to medical grade psilocybin](#)

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

## **TTC strike looms this week — its first in 16 years. Here’s what the issues are**

Toronto Star, June 3, 2024

[TTC strike looms this week. Here’s what’s at stake \(thestar.com\)](#)

## **Labour Unions Stand Behind University Encampments**

Trent Arthur, June 2, 2024

[An open letter from Ontario Federation of Labour \(OFL\) President, Laura Walton, to University of Toronto President Meric Gertler outlines labour’s solidarity with the ongoing student encampments unfolding across the province](#)

## **Union members and allies mark Injured Workers’ Day in locations across Ontario**

OHS, June 3, 2024

[The Ontario Federation of Labour \(OFL\) supported several events across Ontario on June 1, as injured workers and their allies marked Injured Workers’ Day in the province](#)

## **Border strike will start Friday afternoon if mediation fails: union**

News, June 4, 2024

[The union representing thousands of Canadian border workers says they will begin job action Friday afternoon if no deal is reached by then](#)

## **‘I don’t think they take us seriously’: Sault paramedics stage rally as contract negotiations remain stalled**

Northern News, June 11, 2024

[Employer favours arbitration whereas union wants to return to the bargaining table](#)

## **The heat is on to keep workers cool and productive**

Seaway News, June 5, 2024

[Summer is not even here yet, and already people are complaining about the heat.](#)

## **Transit union to hold live update as strike deadline looms**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[CBC News will livestream union's update at 10 a.m. ET in this story](#)

## **No deal yet to avoid TTC strike which could start at 2 a.m. tomorrow**

CP24, June 6, 2024

[Still no deal with the Amalgamated Transit Union \(ATU\) with less than 24 hours to go before a possible TTC strike which could shutter transit for millions of riders in Toronto](#)

## **TTC strike averted as union, management reach last-minute deal**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[Union says 'framework settlement' turned into deal overnight, but still needs to be presented to members](#)

## **News Labour Relations OFL to TTC: 'Get a deal now, or expect more than TTC workers on picket lines tomorrow'**

Talent Canada, June 6, 2024

[The Ontario Federation of Labour \(OFL\) is pledging its full support to the 12,000 TTC workers, represented by ATU Local 113, who will be in a legal strike position tonight at midnight](#)

## **Canadian border workers could begin job action today. Here's what you need to know**

CBC News, June 7, 2024

[Canada Border Services Agency \(CBSA\) workers across the country could take job action beginning this afternoon unless a deal is reached before the strike deadline](#)

## **Canada will soon require a policy allowing workers to disconnect. It won't apply to public servants**

National Post, June 13, 2024

[Experts, meanwhile, say the right to disconnect is 'an empty policy' because it's difficult to enforce](#)

## **York University Campus Safety Workers to Hold Press Conference, Info Picket June 14, Ahead of Strike Deadline**

Ontario Farmer, June 13, 2024

[TORONTO – Campus safety workers at York University will be holding a press conference on Friday, June 14 at 1 p.m. at Calumet Circle on campus](#)

## **Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Worker marks 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Canadian Occupational Safety, June 12, 2024

[The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers \(OHCOW\) celebrated its 35th anniversary on Friday and highlighted its commitment to advocating for the health and safety of Ontario's workforce](#)

### **Black Ironworkers activist Jack White to be honoured by plaque**

Daily Commercial News, June 13, 2024

[TORONTO – Heritage Toronto has announced it will be unveiling a new plaque featuring union leader Jack White](#)

### **Worker-led campaigns on injury prevention and injured worker support focus of OFL's recent actions**

CKMS Community News, June 7, 2024

[The Ontario Federation of Labour's campaigns to protect all workers and support those who have been injured have been heating up.](#)

### **Training June 13: Get active in the OFL's heat stress campaign**

OPSEU SEPPO, June 7, 2024

[As more workers around the globe are exposed to extreme heat on the job greater protection and specific workplace action is urgently needed](#)

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### **OHCOW celebrates 25 years of health and safety in Ontario**

Sudbury Local News, June 8, 2024

[Sudbury office is one of seven venues across the province where researchers and experts advocate for workers exposed to injury or illness in the workplace](#)

### **FIRST READING: Canada's 2.7 million temporary workers may not take kindly to deportation**

National Post, June 11, 2024

[Amid official pledges to bring down sky-high temporary migration, workers and students expressing anger that Canada 'used' them](#)

### **Border workers' strike averted after CBSA union reaches tentative agreement with Ottawa**

The Canadian Press, June 11, 2024

[If such an agreement couldn't be hammered out, the union had been planning for a strike of more than 9,000 members beginning 12:01 a.m. on Friday](#)

#### ***Human Rights & Equity coverage:***

### **Indigenous communities lose access to traditional food after SOAHAC pilot project ends**

CBC News, June 1, 2024

[Indigenous communities lose access to traditional food after SOAHAC pilot project ends | CBC News](#)

## **5 years after MMIWG inquiry's final report, former commissioners still waiting for progress**

CBC News, June 3, 2024

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## **Freeland announces \$11.34M for Black-led community hub in Toronto**

CBC News, June 2, 2024

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## **LGBTQ+ Pride Month is starting to show its colors around the world. What to know**

CP24, June 2, 2024

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## **Grassy Narrows First Nation files lawsuit against Ontario, federal governments over mercury contamination**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[Superior Court challenge alleges governments fail to protect First Nation treaty rights](#)

## **Many survivors of gender-based violence are unable to use technology safely, reports say**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

[An hour on hold isn't necessarily an option for someone trying to flee a violent relationship](#)

## **Behind the scenes at First Nations 'triaging grief' as opioids claim lives at more than 8 times the rate of the rest of Alberta**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

['You lose someone, and you're trying to grieve, and then somebody else dies'](#)

## **Elenore Sturko's defection to BC Conservatives confuses, disappoints LGBTQ+ advocates**

City News, June 4, 2024

[SURREY, B.C. – LGBTQ+ advocates in British Columbia say some in their communities are confused and disappointed by the political defection of legislator Elenore Sturko to the BC Conservatives, whose policies she once opposed](#)

## **Holocaust education group denied funds, recognition by B.C. teachers' union**

The Canadian Press, June 5, 2024

[The Holocaust and Antisemitism Educators Association was created in response to B.C.'s decision to make Holocaust education a mandatory part of the curriculum](#)

### **Tory MP says he misspoke after NDP MP accuses him of making anti-Indigenous comment**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[The comments were related to James Smith Cree Nation killer's background](#)

### **Prisoners in Hamilton put in segregation at far greater rate than any other Ontario jail, data shows**

CBC News, June 7, 2024

[City's segregation rate 4 times higher than province, meets UN conditions for torture](#)

### **Why is Pride celebrated in different months across Canada?**

CBC News, June 14, 2024

[Pride season arrives in Canada, with events underway now and through the summer](#)

### **Indigenous-led housing project laying the foundation for affordable living in South Eglinton-Davisville**

City News, June 14, 2024

[Finding a good place to live in Toronto isn't easy to do, and it's especially tough for Indigenous people to find culturally relevant housing](#)

### **International review launched into Canadian Human Rights Commission**

City News, June 14, 2024

[The institution responsible for protecting human rights here in Canada, is under review by a U-N affiliated oversight body](#)

### **Blazing the trail: Indigenous legal firsts in Canadian history**

CBC News, June 13, 2024

['Perseverance is the key to success,' says 1st Indigenous judge of the Supreme Court of Canada](#)

### **Why are Indigenous people over-incarcerated in Canada?**

TVO, June 13, 2024

[Indigenous people represent just 5 per cent of Canada's population, yet 32 per cent of those incarcerated in federal prisons are Indigenous](#)

### **How Students for Gaza encampments are linked to Tiananmen Square protests**

The Hamilton Spectator, June 7, 2024

[During this week's 35th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre, a poster at the Western University encampment underlines its connection to struggles against oppression in China.](#)

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## **A U.S. scientist experimented on Indigenous kids to cure them of trauma. One critic calls it ‘bonkers’**

CBC News, June 10, 2024

[About a decade ago, a U.S. brainwave scientist got permission to experiment on Canadian Indigenous children in an attempt to cure them of their traumas](#)

## **Too late to learn another colonial language, say Indigenous students opposing Quebec’s Bill 96**

CBC News, June 10, 2024

[Open letter by English colleges followed outcry from students seeing peers opt out](#)

## **How Kateri Memorial Hospital Centre became the first Indigenous-run health centre**

CBC Indigenous, June 7, 2024

[From being the first Indigenous-run health centre to forging historic agreements with Quebec’s provincial government, this community is proud of asserting its sovereignty in health care](#)

## **Ontario Ombudsman to ‘raise questions’ with province about segregation in jails**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[CBC Hamilton investigation found segregation use becoming more common across province](#)

## **RCMP official calls for debate on hate speech law after probe of controversial imam ends without charges**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[Adil Charkaoui gave a speech calling for the deaths of ‘the enemies of the people of Gaza’](#)

## **First Nations challenge lawyers over their \$510M legal bill for the Robinson treaties annuities case**

CBC News, June 10, 2024

[Legal team successfully argued the past annuities case that was settled for \\$10B in 2023](#)

## **Quebec College of Physicians adopts policies to prevent forced sterilization of Indigenous women**

CBC News, June 12, 2024

[Cultural safety training will be encouraged and doctors could now face discipline](#)

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

## **Doug Ford’s thirst for power will have the rest of us crying in our beer**

Toronto Star, June 1, 2024

[Doug Ford's thirst for power will have us crying in our beer \(thestar.com\)](https://www.thestar.com)

### **COLUMN: Ford's narrative of a cash-strapped Ontario rings hollow**

Elliot Lake Today, June 2, 2024

[COLUMN: Ford's narrative of a cash-strapped Ontario rings hollow - Elliot Lake News \(elliottlaketoday.com\)](https://www.elliottlaketoday.com)

### **Province's financial watchdog launching inquiry into Ford government's ServiceOntario changes**

CityNews, June 3, 2024

[FAO launching inquiry into government's ServiceOntario changes \(citynews.ca\)](https://www.citynews.ca)

### **Caregivers from abroad to be given permanent residence on arrival under new pilot programs**

The Globe and Mail, June 3, 2024

[Caregivers from abroad to be given permanent residence on arrival under new pilot programs - The Globe and Mail](https://www.theglobeandmail.com)

### **We need to stop funding the premier's personal vanity projects**

Hamilton Spectator, Peterborough Examiner, June 3, 2024

[We need to stop funding the premier's vanity projects \(thepeterboroughexaminer.com\)](https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com)

### **Pharmacare bill passes in the House of Commons, heads to the Senate**

CP24, June 3, 2024

[The Liberals' pharmacare bill is headed to the Senate after passing third reading in the House of Commons](https://www.cbc.ca)

### **Sudbury MPP pushes for bill declaring Injured Workers Day in Ottawa**

My Espanola Now, June 3, 2024

[The Ontario Federation of Labour says several events were held across Ontario Saturday recognizing injured workers and their allies for the unrecognized Injured Workers' Day, but a Sudbury MPP is hoping to see that change](https://www.mynownews.com)

### **Behind Ottawa abolishes green fund in response to scathing AG report**

CBC News, June 4, 2024

[Funding for Sustainable Development Technology Canada will now fall under National Research Council](https://www.cbc.ca)

### **Ontario pulls plug on COVID-19 wastewater surveillance**

CBC News, June 5, 2024

[Province says move will 'avoid duplication' as Ottawa expands its monitoring program](https://www.cbc.ca)

## **How an N.L. woman and senator are lobbying for intimate partner violence law**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[‘It’s not going to change my story, but there is a big chance that it will change somebody else’s story’](#)

## **Ontario Premier Doug Ford shuffles cabinet**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[Move comes after government confirms legislature won’t be back until Oct. 21](#)

## **Ford’s cabinet shuffle is a distraction – and a gravy-train giveaway**

TVO, June 7, 2024

[OPINION: With 36 MPPs now making a bonus of over 40 per cent more as cabinet ministers, the caucus will be kept docile and ready to stump for their boss](#)

## **Liberal government tables bill that seeks to streamline, secure health data**

CBC News, June 6, 2024

[Bill would impose new rules on technology vendors](#)

## **Canadian universities say foreign influence registry could harm research partnerships**

The Canadian Press, June 10, 2024

[Canada’s leading research universities warn that a proposed foreign influence transparency registry could have an unintended “chilling effect” on international partnerships](#)

## **U.S. officials discussed hitting Canada with trade sanctions over Quebec’s language law**

CBC News, June 11, 2024

[U.S. government officials have debated whether Bill 96 violates trade agreements](#)

## **COLUMN: More governing, less politicking from Queen’s Park please**

Barrie Today, June 13, 2024

[‘Politicians do whatever it takes to get elected, then immediately start doing whatever it takes to be re-elected,’ writes city hall reporter](#)



## **Media Release**

### **Registered Nurses and Health-Care Professionals Rally at The Ottawa Hospital to Save Publicly Funded, Publicly Delivered Care**

**OTTAWA, ON**, June 13, 2024 – Members of the Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) rallied in Ottawa today to fight for publicly funded and delivered health care in Ontario, against the Ford government that has underfunded and under resourced it.

Hundreds of registered nurses (RNs) and health-care professionals marched and rallied at The Ottawa Hospital – Civic Campus, advocating for safe, quality health care for Ontarians and an immediate end to private, for-profit care.

Calling The Ottawa Hospital “ground zero” for the encroachment of private interests and greedy corporations on health care, ONA President Erin Ariss, RN, notes that by every measure, for-profit care fails the very patients, residents and clients who already fund the system and need quality care the most.

“As those on the front lines of care, nurses and health-care professionals have seen exactly what funnelling of our public health-care dollars into the pockets of corporate interests means for us all,” she says.

“Evidence shows privatization makes things worse, not better. Expanding private care in Alberta lengthened wait times rather than shortening them, delivered lower-quality care and cost more. Why, exactly, would we want to repeat that failed experiment and further harm access to high-quality public health care?”

Ariss adds that ONA and its 68,000 members will not stop their fight to end for-profit, private health care in this province, and the politicians, employers and shareholders who are lining up to profit from it.

ONA is the union representing 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.

## Media Release

### **Ontario Nurses' Association Nurses Head to Conciliation as They Seek a New Contract with Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit**

**PORT HOPE, LINDSAY, HALIBURTON, ON**, June 13, 2024 – Fifty public health nurses and registered practical nurses are calling for their employer to step up with a respectful new collective agreement as the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit head to conciliation tomorrow.

“Ontario’s public health nurses demand respect, improved working conditions and more from their employers in this day and age,” says ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “Events in the past five years have shown us just how imperative it is that our province has a full complement of public health nurses working to keep their communities safe from a large array of infectious disease, outbreaks and other harms that impact the well-being of residents. These 50 nurses are responsible for approximately 200,000 residents in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland. They deserve a respectful new contract for the vital work they do.”

Among the programs these nurses run are: vaccination, including COVID-19, measles, childhood vaccinations and more; sexual health programs including cancer screening; harm reduction programs, infectious disease monitoring and control, including in our hospitals and long-term care homes; communicable disease monitoring and prevention; supporting high-risk families through the Healthy Families/Children/Babies program; and a school health program.

The nurses have been working without a contract since January 1 of 2024. There has been just one day of negotiations.

“We urge this health unit to get serious about reaching a new deal,” says Ariss. “Our public health nurses are highly educated, and specialty trained to keep their communities safe and promote health. These nurses have sacrificed enormously to serve their communities, and it is well past time to acknowledge and respect them. They deserve that, at minimum.”

ONA is the union representing 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.