

EMERGENCY



Sign of the times.

Across Ontario, the shortage of nurses is now so extreme that Emergency Departments are failing, with patients waiting hours just to be assessed and often days to be admitted. In desperation, an increasing number of hospitals are reducing Emergency Department hours or closing ERs completely.

This crisis proves that it's long past time for the true value of nursing to be reaffirmed. Retaining and recruiting nurses is a clear priority, but that won't be successful until there are significant improvements to working conditions and staffing levels, and a commitment to fair wages...not just in Emergency Departments, but in every part of the health-care system.

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