



“I feel that people don’t really understand how short-staffed we are.”

No relief in sight.

A recent report on emergency departments by the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario confirms the truths nurses have been talking about. It’s a damning assessment of the Ford government:

“We found that there was no comprehensive province-wide and centralized strategy to help hospitals maintain nurse staffing levels to avoid closures or to reduce the duration of the closure. Instead, the Ministry and Ontario Health generally relied on hospitals to manage these situations independently, typically by closing their emergency department or using more-expensive agency staff where possible. These closures create risks to patients’ health that increase in proportion to the time needed to travel to the next nearest emergency department.”

Value-for-Money Audit: Emergency Departments, December 2023

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