

Every one of us can make a difference



Hand out leaflets in your neighbourhood, at work, in local businesses & community groups.



Print off the petition to call on the federal government to enforce the Canada Health Act and require the Ford government to stop the private clinics charging patients (at: www.StopForProfitHealthcare.ca).



Join your local Health Coalition & help build the fightback. You can find your nearest health coalition here: www.StopForProfitHealthcare.ca



Send a message to Doug Ford and your local MPP to tell them to stop privatizing our health care.



Did You Know

The Canada Health Act bans user fees for patients. OHIP covers all medically needed surgeries & diagnostic tests. Access to care is based on medical need, not how rich we are. That's what Canadian Public Medicare means.

As private clinics have taken over services, they have brought in illegal charges & upselling. They bill OHIP & charge patients fees on top. Instead of stopping them, the Ford government is expanding them.

In this challenging time, with Canada's sovereignty threatened, we need to reaffirm our commitment to the best of our values. Sovereignty is meaningless if we become just like the U.S.

Canadians created public health care to care for one another when we are sick, elderly, & least able to pay. Our public health care is grounded in values of equity & compassion.

Privatization & cuts cause the same kind of suffering that led us to create public health care in the first place. Now, more than ever, we must protect & restore it, for people not for corporate profit.



Why not privatize?
Scan here for more information & sources for the facts in this leaflet.

Help stop the Plundering of our public health care for profit

Public hospitals' operating rooms idle while patients wait



Our public hospitals' operating rooms are closed evenings, weekends-- some even permanently. They aren't given enough funding to run full time, which would reduce waitlists.

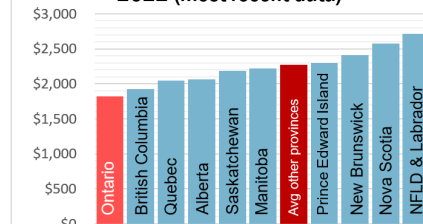
Record emergency department closures



Ontario had more than 1,100 emergency department closures last year. Local hospitals, in existence for 100 years, are now at risk of permanent closures. If the Ford government chose, they could restore services by funding & staffing our public hospitals.

Lowest public hospital funding while \$ billions shifted to private health care

Public hospital funding per person by province 2022 (most recent data)



Average of the other provinces: \$2,270. Ontario: \$1,822. Difference is \$448 per person x 15 million Ontario population = \$6.7 billion less funding than the other provinces.

Ontario funds our public hospitals at the lowest rate of any province. At the same time, the Ford government is redirecting more than a billion dollars per year from our public taxes to fund private for-profit clinics & staffing corporations.

Ontario Health Coalition
Protecting public medicare for all
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Ontario has downsized our hospitals to an extreme extent.

We are last in Canada & third from the bottom among developed nations.

For-profit clinics charge patients \$\$ thousands in illegal (& unethical) user fees for surgeries & tests



Maureen needed eye surgery for macular degeneration so she wouldn't lose her vision. A private clinic charged her \$7,000. She told us, "Being a senior on a fixed income, I'm still trying to catch up with my bills from the surgery."

This should NEVER happen. The Ontario government is responsible for enforcing our medicare laws to protect patients like Maureen from extra-billing & user fees. Medically needed surgeries & tests must be covered by OHIP. That's the law.

Last spring, we made a complaint to the Ford government from 50 patients - including Maureen - who were charged or manipulated into paying for medically unnecessary add ons in private clinics. The patients should be reimbursed & the clinics should be stopped.

We're making another complaint this fall to push the Ford government to stop them. If you've been charged for your surgery, please contact us.

Hospital beds staffed & in operation per 1000 people (OECD data 2020)

Korea 12.7	Latvia 5.3	Israel 2.9
Japan 12.6	Switzerland 4.5	Ireland 2.9
Germany 7.8	Estonia 4.5	Iceland 2.8
Austria 7	Slovenia 4.3	Finland 2.8
Hungary 6.8	Luxembourg 4.2	United States 2.8
Czechia 6.5	Greece 4.2	New Zealand 2.7
Poland 6.2	Australia 3.8	Canada 2.5
Lithuania 6.1	Portugal 3.5	Denmark 2.5
France 5.7	Norway 3.4	United Kingdom 2.3
Slovak Republic 5.7	Italy 3.2	Ontario 2.3
Belgium 5.5	Spain 3	Chile 1.9
	Netherlands 2.9	Mexico 1

In 1990, Ontario had 50,000 hospital beds for 10.3 million people.

Today, we only have 35,000 for 16.2 million people.

According to data from the OECD only Chile & Mexico have fewer hospital beds per person than Ontario.

Why? Because everything they cut from public hospitals is privatized.



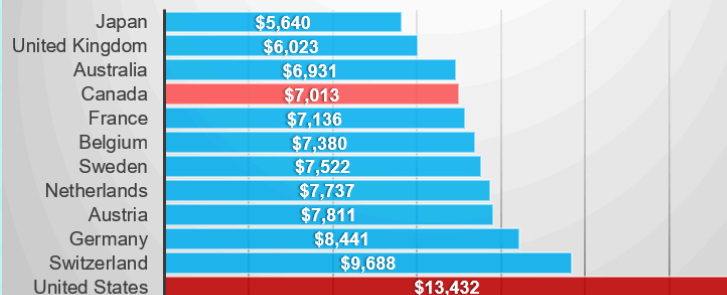
A "hospital bed" means a bed that is funded with nurses, doctors & other staff providing care.

When they close down "beds" it means they cut staff & the care they provide.

Patients are backlogged in emergency departments because they are waiting for a funded bed to open up for them inside the hospital, while thousands of beds have been closed down & could be reopened.

You can find the data, details & sources for all the information in this leaflet at www.StopForProfitHealthCare.ca

Health expenditure per person 2023 (US \$)



**Please send a message to Doug Ford:
You can't say you stand up for Canada while privatizing our health care**

The United States has the most privatized health care in the developed world. Americans pay almost **double** our costs for care.

The Ford government is privatizing more & more of our long-term care and hospital surgeries & diagnostics. They're giving primary care to for-profit chains, privatizing Public Health services like COVID testing, vaccines & more. They're allowing private clinics to bill OHIP & charge patients on top. They're moving toward U.S.-style for-profit health care.

U.S. for-profit hospitals charge exorbitant prices. Businesses face high insurance costs for employees. On top, employees pay co-payments every paycheck plus they have to pay deductibles before coverage kicks in... IF they are covered. Insurance companies make profits by denying coverage.

Medical costs are the top reason for bankruptcy: 56 million Americans struggle with medical debt: more than Canada's entire population.