

# Plundering public health care ...for profit

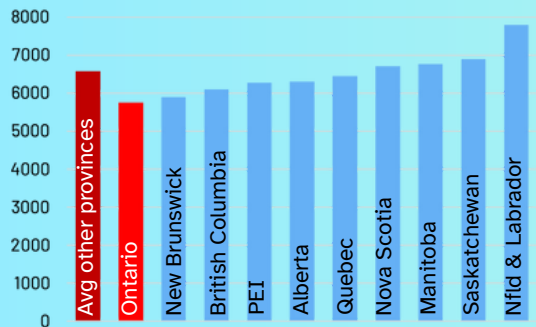
For more than a hundred years, Ontarians have donated, paid our taxes, fundraised & volunteered to build a world class public health care system we could be proud of.

Privatization couldn't happen unless they dismantled our public health care: underfunded our services, pushed them into crisis, and left them without the resources they need to provide for our communities ...and that is exactly what is happening.

Privatization is a terrible plan. It enriches a few corporations at the expense of the health & well-being of regular Ontarians.

## Ontario funds our public health care at the lowest rate in Canada

Public Health Care Funding per person



Every service that has been cut has been privatized. It's not a coincidence, it is the plan.

If Ontario even met the average funding of the other provinces, our services would be much better and they would stay under public ownership & control.

\$821 per person less x 15 million people in Ontario = \$12.3 billion less

## You cannot pretend to stand up for Canada while privatizing our public health care

The United States has the most privatized health care system in the developed world. Americans pay **double** what we pay for health care, but they don't get it.

Profit taking at every level means long waits for access to care, high costs for employers, high rates of denials, thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs for patients, red tape. Medical costs are the number one reason for bankruptcy. Fifty-six million Americans struggle with medical debt each year: more than the entire population of Canada.



**Why not privatize?**  
Scan here for more information.

# Situation Critical



To protect & improve our public health care or we are going to lose it

Please be careful. Words are cheap. Look at the actual record.



Ontario Health Coalition  
Safeguarding & improving Public Medicare for all.

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# Don't believe what Ford says Look at what they've done

The Ford government spent more than \$103.5 million in public money on advertising in the last year. That's the highest amount ever, reports Ontario's Auditor General, and most of their ad campaigns were to promote themselves. Look at the actual record & please consider health care when you vote.

## Billions of public dollars redirected away from public health care to for-profit corporations



Many of our public hospitals' operating rooms close evenings & weekends because they don't have the funding to hire staff and run them. Yet, the Ford government increased funding to private clinics by more than 200%. Our local hospitals were forced to leave patients waiting, close services, and pay double the cost for staff from for-profit staffing agencies rather than hire in permanent local staff.

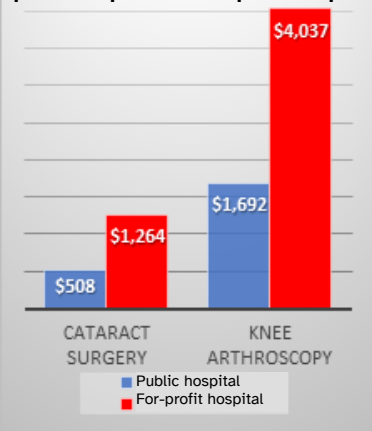
## Double the cost for surgeries paid to a for-profit hospital with political connections

After she left office, the Ford government's former Health Minister Christine Elliott became a lobbyist for a corporation that owns a for-profit hospital. The Ford government increased funding to that hospital by 278%, paying them double the cost per surgery than our local public hospitals -- paid for by our public money.

That's not all. They've given increases of hundreds of millions in tax dollars to for-profit staffing agencies. They are giving billions of tax dollars to for-profit long-term care homes. They are privatizing Public Health services, primary care, mental health & addictions and much more.

You can find the data, details & sources for all the information here at [www.StopForProfitHealthCare.ca](http://www.StopForProfitHealthCare.ca)

Surgery cost comparison public hospitals vs. for-profit hospital



## A million people lost their family doctors



In 2016, before the Ford government was elected 1.3 million Ontarians did not have a family doctor. By July 2024, there were 2.5 million Ontarians without a family doctor.

## A record number of local emergency departments closed



In 2023, there were 1,199 closures of local hospitals' emergency departments, birthing units, ICUs & urgent care centres. By December 2024, the number of emergency department closures had broken all records. Before 2018 when the Ford government took power, emergency department closures were almost unheard of.

## A record number of patients waiting in hallways



By September 2024, the highest number ever -- 2,000 patients on average each day -- were waiting on stretchers in hospital hallways. This is more than double the number in 2018 when the Ford government was elected.

## Patients forced to pay thousands of dollars in illegal fees to for-profit clinics



Under the Canada Health Act, it is illegal to charge patients user fees or sell queue jumping for the wealthy. OHIP covers all medically needed surgeries & diagnostic tests.

However, patients are being charged record-breaking illegal fees in Ford's privatized surgical clinics. Instead of stopping them, the Ford government is expanding them.