

Quebec's current staffing issues and working conditions in Montréal area hospitals are degrading. Many nurses are confined to last minute mandatory overtime and scheduling nightmares. Due to recent hospital closures and provincial financing issues these employees have had to assume the burden of staffing issues. This is not the case in Ontario hospitals, where the nursing union is probably the strongest nationally. In the not so distant past I was scheduled for an urgent surgery. My surgery was delayed 4 times, often falling on weekend schedules where staff was incredibly limited. Often only 1 surgeon and a couple nurses present in the OR on the weekend and if a priority case arrives, ie life threatening issue, your surgery is delayed. These delays caused major issues in the recovery and treatment of my own physical trauma. What is the government doing to alleviate such issues across Canada; more specifically in the province of Quebec?