

# Become One of Our

## Public Health Care Defenders

Save Our Public Health Care

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It's okay if  
you didn't know.

The Ford Government  
is Privatizing Our  
Public Hospitals.

Ford doesn't want you to.

**2 months BEFORE the election**

April 7/22

The government is committed to supporting  
the province's public health care system.  
We will **not** expand the use or function of  
private hospitals or private health facilities

Doug Ford's Spokesperson - CTV News

**2 months AFTER the election**

August 12/22

We are **increasing** the amount of surgeries &  
diagnostics performed at private health  
facilities.

Doug Ford, Toronto Star

We CAN Stop This.  
But Everyone Needs to Make it Happen!

## Our hospitals are in an unprecedented crisis.

- Almost 100 emergency departments have had temporary closures across Ontario.
- Every community hospital is facing a grave risk as the Ford government continues to ignore & downplay the staffing crisis and using it as justification to find a private solution.

“ **There is a standard technique of privatization... Defund it so it doesn't work, complain about how it doesn't work Privatize it...it gets worse.** ”

Noam Chomsky, UofT Lecture, April 7/11

## This is a political choice to privatize, not a necessity.

- Doug Ford is making a choice to take funding & direct it to private, for-profit clinics instead of giving it to our public hospitals.
- The Ford government is engaging in unprecedented privatization of our health care services, including;
  - Long-Term Care
  - Home Care
  - Covid-19 Vaccination
  - Surgeries
  - Diagnostics

## Ford has refused to do anything substantive in the crisis he has had a hand in creating.

Privatization will only worsen

- ✗ the staffing crisis
- ✗ hospital overcrowding
- ✗ hospital ER closures

“ **In 2021-2022, Doug Ford underspent in the health care budget by \$1 billion dollars** ”

Financial Accountability  
Office of Ontario,  
Expenditure Report  
2021-22

## Private clinics & hospitals are not the solution.

- Private hospitals violate the Canada Health Act by charging user fees & extra billing
- Taking health care professionals from our public hospitals, creating a larger staffing crisis
- Prioritize profit over patient's health.
- Worsen health outcomes for vulnerable populations as private clinics take the easiest and least complex cases
- Allows for those who can pay to jump the queue
- Private health care costs up to 5X the cost of public healthcare