

Say NO to privatized hospitals

McGuinty plans private hospitals across Ontario

McGuinty's Hospital Privatization Plan

On May 25, 2005 Minister for Public Infrastructure Renewal, David Caplan, released his 5-Year Infrastructure Plan. **The plan proposes to privatize dozens of hospitals in deals that stretch for 30 - 60 years. Since this report was released, we have found out that additional hospital redevelopments will be privatized through P3s also.**

So far official announcements have been made confirming the McGuinty government's plans for hospital privatization at:

Barrie Royal Victoria Hospital
Belleville site of the Quinte Health Centre
Grimsby West Lincoln Memorial Hospital
Hamilton Health Sciences Centre (three sites)
Hamilton St. Joseph's Hospital
Kingston General Hospital
London Health Sciences Centre
London St. Joseph's Hospital
Markham Stouffville Hospital
Mississauga Trillium Health Centre (two sites - Mississauga & Etobicoke)
Mississauga Credit Valley Hospital
North Bay's new hospital
Oakville Halton Healthcare Services
Oshawa Lakeridge Health
Ottawa Montfort Hospital
Sarnia Bluewater Health
Sault Ste. Marie's new hospital
St. Catharines new hospital
Sudbury Regional Hospital
Toronto Bridgepoint (formerly Riverdale) Hospital
Toronto Salvation Army Grace (relocating to Markham)
Toronto Centre for Addictions and Mental Health (1001 Queen W.)
Toronto Humber River Regional Hospital
Toronto Sunnybrook/Women's College Hospital redevelopment

These join the previously announced P3s at the Royal Ottawa Hospital and Brampton's William Osler Health Centre.

Communities on the P3 privatization alert list:

Cornwall's new hospital
Rouge Valley Health System (Scarborough & Ajax-Pickering)
Toronto - Runnymede Hospital
Woodstock's new hospital
Kenora's new hospital

Why NOT Privatize?

Privatized hospitals are much more expensive than publicly built hospitals. The high costs of the for-profit deals takes money away from beds, staff and care.

On average, privatized hospitals have 20% fewer beds and provide fewer services, while for-profit companies make extra-high profit margins.

Let's build our new hospitals – but let's make sure they are publicly owned, operated and financed – a proven method that's less expensive and more accountable.