

Public Consultation

Your Input Is Wanted on Reforming Our Public Hospitals

We are holding public consultations about our public hospitals. We want to hear your ideas about how our public hospitals can be revitalized and reformed in the public interest. For example, in areas where there are new hospitals planned, people are concerned about multiple local hospitals closing down, the P3 privatization of their hospitals, or the location of new hospitals being too far away. We want to hear, first hand, how hospital cuts have reduced access to needed services, changed how work is done, and led to privatization. We want to know what you think about hospital boards that are no longer elected by the community or executive salaries that have ballooned. We also want to hear the positive experiences of excellent life-saving and life-enhancing care. Leading into next spring's provincial election, we want to forge an agenda to fund our hospitals properly, and to ensure that funding goes to care. We want to hold all of the political parties' plans up against our proposals and see where they can be improved. Join us to help make our communities' hospitals the best they can be.

St. Catharines Saturday, October 14, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Public Library, Mills Room, 54 Church St.



To book a time slot to give your input – (10 min slots), please call the Niagara Health Coalition at (905) 932-1646 or the Ontario Health Coalition at (416) 441-2502 or email: suehotte@yahoo.ca or ohc@sympatico.ca

- Deadline for booking a time slot to give your verbal input at the local consultation near you: Friday October 6, 5 p.m.
- Deadline for written submissions: Friday October 27, 5 p.m.

Written submissions can be as informal as a hand-written note.

We would like to hear your ideas about:

The positives

- Positive practices, experiences and observations about hospital care, planning, governance, management.

Improving planning & access to care

- What services are needed in our communities? Are there gaps in services that you have experienced or observed? What services have been cut? Have you tried to access care and had problems? Is there meaningful public input into planning for hospital services in your area?

Properly funding Ontario's hospitals.

- Are current approaches to funding working to provide the services that our communities need? What are your ideas to ensure that funding goes to care and needed support services in our hospitals, not executive salaries, for example?

Improving quality of care.

- Are the current systems to measure care and outcomes working to improve care levels and quality? What are your ideas to improve quality?

Improving public ownership and democratic control.

- How can hospital boards and governance systems be improved to be more democratic, representative and accountable? Have you tried to access information from your hospital and how can public access to information be improved? How has privatization of hospital services impacted your community?

Re-integrating care

- Are there services that have been cut or offloaded from hospitals that should be restored to improve care and restore public ownership?

PLEASE JOIN US. All are welcome to come and watch and participate.

