

The Costs of Restructuring

The evidence shows that restructuring can cost more than it saves.

The Harris government attempted to take \$1 billion out of hospital operating budgets in the mid-late 1990s.

The costs for restructuring were \$3.9 billion, according to the Provincial Auditor.

Restructuring costs went \$1.8 billion over budget.

More than 9,000 hospital beds have been cut since the beginning of the Harris-era restructuring, resulting in extraordinary waits for hospital admissions, and extraordinary levels of hospital overcrowding.

There is no capacity to take more hospital patients downloaded into long-term care and home care, where wait lists are already severe.