

Week-long educational

150 ACTIVISTS AT OCHU'S FIRST WEEK-LONG, NOV. 25-29



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Activists Dawn Bellerose and Alison Caul at Ontario Health Coalition Nov. 30 in Sault Saint Marie



Scrap Bill 138, stop plans to privatize services, OCHU asks

Ontario has moved to allow new entities to deliver services in health care. Services affected could include labs and diagnostics, pharmacy, stores, cleaning, food, IT, laundry, medical records and others.

Bill encourages private clinics & privatization of health support and clinical services

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Hospitals are threatened by the expansion of private clinics through Bill 138

Bill 138 also allows for the expansion of private clinics by easing the process to apply for a license to operate one.

Until now, overnight stays have not been allowed at private clinics. Now that is also in question.

Services affected by the expansion of private clinics could include diagnostics and same day surgeries.

Expanding private clinics allows physicians to set up clinics and skim off the easiest and most lucrative surgeries, scopes and other procedures. This will undermine our hospitals.

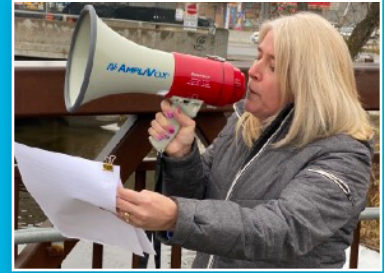
97% of private clinics are operated on a for-profit basis. It is a widespread practice that these clinics charge user fees, according to the Ontario Health Coalition.

Campaign to defend health services from privatization

Please go to ochu.on.ca to send a message to your MPP that you oppose any move to privatize hospital clinical or support services.

There will be a leadership teleconference call December 9, at 4:00 p.m. EST to talk about Bill 138.

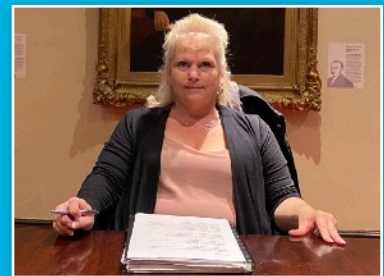
A membership teleconference call will follow at 5:00 p.m. EST to ask members to take action and message MPPs about this Bill.



Lakeridge activist Charlene Van Dyk is the new Chair of the HCWCC



Susan Thornton spoke movingly at the week-long about the 1981 illegal hospital strike (pictured with OCHU S/T Sharon Richer)



Nov. 26: Kingston Health pres. Barb DeRoche calls for more hospital funding

OCHU on the picket line with teachers, December 4.

