

NEWSBULLETIN

Artificial Intelligence | Nurse-patient ratios zoom August 7 at 10 am/5 pm

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Resources from CUPE

There is a new resource: "Understanding artificial intelligence, a guide for CUPE Members"

([Understanding artificial intelligence: A guide for CUPE members](#) | [Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)).

Is AI in Your Workplace?

CUPE is asking members to let the union know if there is AI in your workplace: [Is AI in your workplace? Tell us your story.](#) | [Canadian Union of Public Employees](#)



Activists from CUPE hospitals in eastern Ontario protest against the privatization of hospital surgeries at the Premiers' conference, July 22. 150 came from CUPE's hospital and LTC local unions.

Central bargaining begins in September

Wages, benefits, vacations are key goals

Bargaining for the 50,000 CUPE members working in hospital and in LTC facilities with hospital beds, starts in mid-September.

Wages are the top priority in the bargaining. Improving benefits, premiums, bereavement leave and vacations are also key goals.



Study finds home washing machines do not kill viruses on uniforms and may actually make them stronger

A new study by DeMontfort University found that washing health care uniforms at home fails to kill significant bacteria and also encourages anti-microbial resistance - effectively helping some hospital acquired infections to evolve and become more resistant to antibiotics. The study suggests that on-site disinfection of uniforms in heavy duty washing machines and dryers is necessary. Read the study at:

<https://dx.plos.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0321467>

Protections against job loss due to artificial intelligence

Artificial intelligence software programs have eliminated hundreds of jobs and protections are urgently needed to deal with them. Robotics have also been introduced - in cleaning and even in interacting with patients.

Achieving nurse to patient ratios

ONA is waiting for an arbitration decision on nurse-patient ratios, and achieving ratios is also an important priority in CUPE's central bargaining, along with improving the workload process for all of our members.

There are 2 weeks of face to face negotiations scheduled, followed by 2 sessions with mediator William Kaplan this fall.



RPN ZOOM CALL

Call will happen August 7 at
10 am and 5 pm EST.

We are going to be discussing the
nursing patient ratios.

All CUPE members are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting:

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