

Close oversight loopholes for Home Care Clinics

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO:

WHEREAS home care clinics operate in a regulatory “grey zone,” without government oversight or regular inspection; and

WHEREAS more and more home care patients do not receive care in their home from a visiting nurse but are sent to a home care clinic instead; and

WHEREAS in 2018, 3,000 Londoners received the deeply distressing news that improperly sterilized instruments had been used over a 10-year period at four home care clinics in London where they had been treated, putting them at risk of contracting HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS Ontarians deserve to feel that the health care services they receive are safe, whether the services are provided in a hospital, doctor’s office, residence, or home care clinic;

THEREFORE we, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario: to make the Minister of Health and Long-term Care responsible for oversight of home care clinics, update the Home Care bill of rights to ensure that patients know how to complain about home care clinics, and mandate the annual inspection of home care clinics by public health units.

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