

Stop Moving Medical Procedures out of Hospitals

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has been and plans to continue moving standard procedures such as colonoscopies and endoscopies from our hospitals to Out of Hospital Premises (OHPs).

And **WHEREAS**, The Province's report *A Policy Guide for Creating Community-Based Specialty Clinics*, upon which the move to OHPs is based has not explored the long-term increased cost of moving procedures from our hospitals to OHPs, including:

- the increased risk of serious health complications that arise from the high frequency, rapid completion procedures with little to no oversight that clinics must maintain for profitability
- the loss of funding to hospital services directed to pre, post, and on-call operative care, again increasing risk of serious and costly health complications
- the overall decrease in total patient care, once again increasing risk of health complications
- the limited scope of care offered by clinics, resulting in an inability to address unforeseen complications and increasing the likelihood for a need of repeat operations
- the failure to recognize that standard procedures in hospitals deflate base equipment cost for complementary equipment required in hospitals, but not required in OHPs

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, call upon the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to cease all plans to move from standard procedures from hospitals to OHPs, until the long-term health and business case has been assessed.

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