

Impact of Electricity Costs - Hospitals

- It's time both opposition parties stop misleading Ontarians about our health care system.
- Since coming into office, we've increased hospital funding by 54%, allowing us to treat more patients, provide better care and reduce wait times to some of the shortest in the country.
- More doctors, more nurses, better results – that's not a legacy either opposition party can point to.
- Now both the PCs and NDP are furiously trying to muddy our record by misrepresenting the impact of energy costs.
- The reality is that hospitals spend 1.6 % on average of their total operating budgets on hydro.
- That means well over 90% of hospital budgets go towards the rest – hiring nurses and doctors, keeping wait times low, and ensuring patients have access to the high-quality services they need.
- Our grid is also cleaner and more reliable, helping reduce health care costs by over \$4 B annually and ensure hospitals have electricity when they need it most during surgeries and MRI scans.
- Hospitals agree, with the Sault Area Hospital being clear that they have “not made decisions directly tied to the increase in electricity rates” and that “increases have not resulted in layoffs.”
- Hospitals are also eligible for a range of programs, like saveONenergy's audit and retrofit initiatives, to help lower their bills by becoming more energy efficient.
- For example, Sudbury's Health Sciences North got help with their efficiency upgrades and now they save over \$500,000 / year on energy costs.
- And because of our Fair Hydro Plan, hospitals will now see a modest reduction of 2 to 4% on their bills.
- These savings, which build on the health care investments we've made each and every year, ensure our hospitals can stay focused on putting patients first.