

We can keep our hospitals public – if we act now!

Dalton McGuinty: keep your promise...

Don't privatize our Hospitals

A Private (P3) hospital costs more delivers less

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- **Put up a lawn sign:** 416-441-3713
- **Contact your local MPP:** Tell them “don’t privatize our hospitals”. If you’re unsure who your MPP is go online to ontariohealthcoalition.ca and click “Queen’s Park Watch” on the right side of the page.
- **Contact Premier Dalton McGuinty:**

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Three Toronto hospitals are under immediate threat of **privatization**:

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- **Bridgepoint Hospital**
(formerly Riverdale Hospital)
- **Centre for Addiction & Mental Health - 1001 Queen St. W.**
- **Toronto Grace Hospital**

We saw what happened when they privatized Highway 407.
Don't let them do it to our hospitals!

Keep our Toronto Hospitals **public**.

Premier Dalton McGuinty on privatized P3 hospitals before winning the election

"We believe in public ownership and public financing. I will take these hospitals and bring them inside the public sector."

—Ottawa Citizen, May 28, 2003

"I'm calling on Mr. Eves to halt any contract signings when it comes to P3s in the province of Ontario. I stand against the Americanization of our hospitals."—Globe and Mail, September 26, 2003

But since the election, Premier McGuinty has broken his promise to stop the Conservatives' "Public-Private Partnership" (P3) hospital deals in Brampton and Ottawa. Now, the government is on the verge of requiring all future hospital development to be private, including several Toronto hospitals.

Since the beginning of Medicare in Canada, all our hospitals have been non-profit. It's one of the things that makes our health care system better than the US system.

■ What is a privatized P3 hospital?

P3 stands for "Public-Private Partnership" and is a new term for privatization. For-profit corporations build a hospital and rent it back to the community hospital board for 30 to 60 years. The corporations are allowed to privatize the services, management and lands of the hospital and sell them back to the public at a profit. Privatized services include cleaning, maintenance, labs, moving of patients, disinfections, security, etc. The deals are secret, meaning that the public who pays for the hospital cannot access the details of the contract..

The **public pays for the hospital but its services are run for profit** instead of as a non-profit, public service.

Privatized P3 hospitals:

■ Why do patients want to stop them?

The number of publicly covered services shrinks while user fees increase and patients suffer. In Britain, privatized P3 hospitals have 11% fewer doctors and 14% fewer nurses.

■ Why do nurses, doctors and hospital workers want to stop them?

The drive for profits takes money away from providing staff and beds and moves it into the bank accounts of private companies.

■ Who is pushing for them?

Banks, financiers, for-profit health corporations and private developers want privatized P3 hospitals because they stand to make a fortune from public money and user fees.

YES!  to new Hospitals.
Build them right!

Privatized P3 hospitals are much more expensive than publicly built hospitals, have 20% fewer beds and provide fewer services. Hugh Mackenzie, an economist, estimates that the Brampton P3 will cost the public \$174 million more as a privatized P3 hospital than if we built it publicly.

Let's have new hospitals but they must be publicly owned operated and financed – a proven method that's less expensive and more accountable.