



Letter to the Editor, Toronto Star

Re: The Prescription to Fix Hallway Medicine Once and For All-June 4, 2018

It is time that we take seriously the advice of experts like Dr. Sinha (The Prescription to Fix Hallway Medicine Once and For All: June 4), as the home care system is the key to addressing the challenges facing our health system.

Home care is not just an optional convenience, but a necessity that allows Ontarians to stay in their own homes while receiving care or recovering. This in turn frees resources in hospitals and alleviates pressures across the health system. Yet there is a dire need for more home care services in Ontario. Between 2012-16 demand rose by 42%, while funding remained stagnant.

Now is the time to invest in more home care. A new provincial government must work quickly and collaboratively with existing providers who know from decades of experience what works and what can be improved to keep people at home, where they want to be.

Sue VanderBent

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