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Topic

Hospital Budgets

Comment

I administer care at uvmmc.

We are barely getting by

Surgeries are being postponed.

We are spending over 20 million a month just on traveling nurses alone.

We have an aging population higher than the rest of the country.

We graduate less than 500 nurses a year in this state. We need 5000.

Would you like your loved ones coronary artery bypass graft surgery postponed, and your loved one is having active chest pain even whilst being anticoagulant? Probably not. But it's happening. Hospitals have lost a slew of senior nurses with 30 plus years of experience due to the emotional toll of 2020.

Many nurses with 5 years in chatted with travel nurses and heard of the economic windfall that those salaries offered. A single nurse with no mortgage, saw the opportunity to experience other healthcare systems, cultures, and travel options, and went for it. It has come full circle. It's an expensive circle.

We never turn away at uvmmc.

Healthcare will never ever be free.

I hope a wait time for a life saving surgery does not happen to you or a loved one, but it is happening right now, today.

Time to have the tough conversation folks

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