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Safe staffing is needed more than ever. How can the medical world provide quality care without healthcare workers? Short staffing has caused many medical professionals to get burned out, retire early, or even quit the medical field overall. Short staffing has caused delay in test results, getting proper treatment in a timely manner, and even cause preventable deaths. We need safe staffing in order to keep patient safety our number one priority.

I have heard nurses with too many patients to care for. Medical technologists working in a lab with reduced staffing sometimes just down to one technologist when there should be four. Staff not able to eat a decent meal because they have to look after their patients because they care too much to leave them alone.

If management is around, they are only there to micromanage techs without providing any real help to reduce the burden of the lab. Our need is more front line workers such as clinical laboratory scientists, phlebotomists, lab technicians, radiology technicians, doctors and nurses just to name a few.

Family is important to us all. Investing in our short staffing crisis is the same as investing in your own family's healthcare.

Sincerely,

Tina (patient and medical laboratory scientist)