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I am fed up with how often I get group texts from work to come in on my day off for CNI. I am exhausted, and the last thing I want to do is work extra. I need to recharge on my days off, and not spend one minute thinking of work. We've lost 5-6 nurses who've opted to become travel nurses locally for significantly more money. We hold patients in PACU for HOURS because there are no inpatient beds, and for the first time in the 2+ decades I've worked there, we are discharging patients having emergency surgeries from the PACU because there are simply no places for them to go. That keeps the PACU staff there for hours beyond the usual recovery time, as we are now the de-facto surgery ward.