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We've been working short for 5 years. Covid just made it worse and gave our hospital an excuse. One nurses assistant for 20 patients and then being sent to another unit to cover the nurses breaks leaving our unit with no cna, charge nurse taking patients, RNs having 4-5 high risk patients they need to calculate and hang premeds and high risk meds on. Opening medical beds on a mother baby unit, being promised priority staffing and "walkie talkie patients" and then having that all go out the window on week one with no end in sight. Dead bodies rolling past the parents with their new babies. Covid and drug resistant patients put in the same area as the newborns. There is no consideration for patients or staff. Instead we are chastised for patients not getting baths, not getting walked 4 times a day, etc, all things relating to staffing. Something has to be done because as you can see if you leave it to hospital administration, it just gets worse and worse.