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The staffing is already at unsafe levels. It's not just nursing—every single hospital function is operating on bare bones. Which is why it's so crucial to keep nurse/patient ratios at the limits their staffing committees deem safe. This is a huge issue, and you all will be affected at some point—everyone will need a nurse someday. Safe care is good care—we can detect changes, spend time at the bedside vs looking at a computer screen that we are required to meet certain standards on or face discipline. (Guess what? The computer doesn't care if you or your loved one is sick, in pain, or dying) Please let us do our job. We aren't asking for the moon—just the ability to perform the minimum level of safe care possible.