

**Abolition of positions in Outaouais
 The FIQ reacts in a press briefing**



At a press briefing held on February 19 last in Gatineau, the FIQ demanded that Minister Barrette intervene to suspend the closure of two organ and tissue donor nurse positions in Outaouais. “The Outaouais is one of the most efficient organ and tissue donor regions. So, the decision of the *CSSS de Gatineau* to abolish these nurse positions endangers access to organ transplants and the support given to the families. The Minister of Health constantly says that his government’s cutbacks have no impact on the services, but that is unfortunately not the case here. It is people’s lives and the minister cannot tolerate this situation. We are demanding that he intervene quickly”, stated Régine Laurent.

**Let’s refuse austerity
 Major exchange and mobilization rally**

The organizations mobilized in the collectif *Refusons l’austérité* assembled together on February 12 last to share their analysis of the situation as well as the ways to combat the position on austerity of the Couillard government. Several dozen civil society bodies from various sectors (popular education, community, regional development, advocates for human rights or the environment, unions, etc.) got together at the Quebec City Convention Centre, before heading to demonstrate in front of the National Assembly. The FIQ took part of course.



Accommodation conditions at the CSSS-IUGS:

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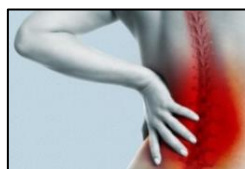
On February 10, the healthcare professionals at the *Centre de santé et de services sociaux – Institut universitaire de gériatrie de Sherbrooke* (CSSS-IUGS) denounced the accommodation conditions of many patients at the CSSS during a demonstration.

In addition to being unacceptable for the residents, this situation also has harmful effects on the conditions of practice of the healthcare professionals. “This situation endangers the safety and the quality of the care. That’s enough. It has to change!” stated the president of the *Syndicat des professionnelles en soins de l’Estrie* (SPSE-FIQ), Marie-Josée Forget.



**REMINDER – REMINDER –
 Have you participated in
 the MSI survey?**

From February 16 to March 31, TÉLUQ and the *Université de Montréal*, in partnership with the FIQ, are conducting a survey on the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries.



The healthcare professionals are therefore invited to respond to an online survey, available on fiqsante.qc.ca and in the social media.

The Federation thanks all those who participate.

Week of disruptive actions against the austerity, February 22 to 27

It is with the theme “*Le gouvernement nous attaque, ripostons!*” (The Government is attacking us, fight back!) that the *Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*, which includes the FIQ, has organized all types of actions, in different settings and regions, to denounce the austerity measures and the Liberal Government jeopardizing public services.

Watch for what is organized or has been organized in your region at www.nonauxhausses.org.