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NEWS QUIZ

Read through this article and answer the questions below.

'WE'RE DROWNING': DOMINICAN NURSES RAISE ALARMS OVER STAFFING, PATIENT CARE



Quick Take

Nurses at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz say staffing levels aren't meeting the needs of patients who are arriving with more severe conditions than in prior years. They told Lookout that hospital administrators aren't doing enough to address their concerns.

Question 1

What is the main concern nurses at Dominican Hospital are raising about patient care?

Question 2

What types of support staff have been reduced at the hospital, according to nurse Jennifer Powers?

Question 3

How are nurses being affected by the reduction in support staff?

Question 4

What concerns do nurses have about hospital cleanliness, especially in the emergency department?

Question 5

How have nurses attempted to communicate their concerns to hospital management?

Question 6

What reasons have hospital administrators given for not hiring more support staff?

Question 7

What is CommonSpirit Health's response to staffing concerns?

Question 8

What upcoming event are nurses planning as a way to protest staffing issues?



CRITICAL THINKING

Question 9

Do you think the nurses' concerns are justified? Why or why not?

Question 10

If you were a hospital administrator, how would you address the staffing issues raised by the nurses?