

SUN NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

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Pause on Registered Nurse Abolishment Extended

We're pleased that the Minister of Health has agreed to extend the Pause on registered nurse position abolishment, vacancy management and replacement until March 1, 2014.

We hope this new timeline will allow us to make some much needed progress on the directives around a patient safety investigation, a data review, and efforts to clarify the registered nurse role. To ensure that these objectives are met, the Minister has agreed to re-evaluate this work by March 1 and determine next steps.

The Ministry has committed that a directive for the extension of the Pause will be sent out to RHA's by the end of the day.

Much of the impetus for this success is the work that SUN members have done in raising their voices and sharing concerns about patient safety. These efforts need to continue, we couldn't have accomplished an extension without members' efforts - please keep sharing your patient safety concerns so we can help make your voices heard. Patient safety stories can be submitted through the on-line form set upon our website: <http://sun-nurses.sk.ca/professional-practice/share-your-story>

Read the Minister of Health's letter on the website <http://sun-nurses.sk.ca/government-relations/government-sun-rha-agreement/clarification-of-abolishment>.