



THEY SAID IT WAS JUST A ROUTINE OPERATION...

A family member dies unexpectedly in hospital.

That's when the coroner is called in, a trusted expert to answer grieving families' questions and ensure hospitals are supported to deliver the highest quality care.

Right now, Ontario's coroners are licensed medical doctors who have the knowledge, training and understanding that this complex job demands.

But the Office of the Chief Coroner has made a proposal to change the rules and let far less qualified people be coroners. Potentially, even people with no medical experience.

Lowering the qualifications for coroners is a very bad idea.

- Families will be denied the closure they need.
- Dangerous situations in hospitals will go unreported.
- Crimes will go unrecognized.
- The number of expensive and time-consuming autopsies will skyrocket.

This couldn't come at a worse time. The Ontario death rate is rising and cases are becoming more complex. Hospitals are understaffed and pushed to their limits. Having the very best coroners is more important than ever.

As Ontario's coroners, we call on the Premier and Solicitor General to tell the Office of the Chief Coroner to drop this plan now and give families the quality of care they deserve.

A message from



Ontario Coroners Association

