## Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

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## Nurses Admit To Problems At Nursing Homes

According to <u>American Nurses Association</u>, most of the 10,000 nurses participating in a recent poll believe the quality of nursing care has declined in the past year. Other poll results are just as

alarming. A similar percentage (48.3%) of the nurses polled admit that they would not feel confident in having a person close to them receive care at the facility they work at

The <u>nurses recognize under-staffing</u> as a major problem. Almost three-quarters of the respondents believe there to be an insufficient number of nurses in their unit. It appears the widespread under-staffing is forcing the nurses to look for work at better staffed facilities. 51.9% of the nurses are considering leaving their current positions due to inadequate staffing.



Under-staffing and high employee turnover at nursing homes leads to dangerous conditions for residents. Most of the situations involving: <u>pressure sores</u>, <u>malnutrition</u>, <u>dehydration</u>, <u>medication errors</u> and <u>inadequate supervision</u> stem from an <u>overall staffing problem</u>.

The complete poll results are <u>here</u>.