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I have just spent 3 months in St Vincent' Hospital at Darlinghurst Sydney. I am very grateful to have been accepted as a public patient...ill health and the global financial crisis forced me to become a welfare recipient.

I received the best possible care by a team of hardworking and dedicated nurses and medical professionals.

They have an uphill job...the staff to patient ratio is not sufficient upon many occasions...it is a case where the patients have to care for each other if they are ambulatory...so that the nurses can work on high need patients.

I saw many of the nurses go home for eight hours and then turn up again. I saw many of them go without their breaks.

I feel lucky to have had my life saved by these people...but in my opinion, the system runs more on the dedication and hard work of the hospital staff than it does on appropriate funding levels by the governments (state and federal).

Enough of the argy bargy and blame shifting from state and federal levels...just FUND our hospitals adequately...we are a rich country!

thank you

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