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Safe staffing is crucial for safe and adequate patient care. As nurses at Providence, we are mandated to take 6 patients at once during a night shift. When there are only nurses and no certified nursing assistants to help, these six patients get minimal and basic care due to the high demand and need of the RN. When I have six patients, there is always at least one patient who is neglected due to the needs of the confused, impulsive, sick and injured patients we have on our floor. Our patients deserve so much better than this! A prime example of this is one night when I was first beginning my shift, the floor was staffed at the bare minimum, the nurses were extremely busy and a call light went off. By the time an RN could get to the call light the patient has already attempted to help themselves out of bed to the restroom and fell. If we had had more staff and less time patients under our workload we could have gotten there faster to help this patient.