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Hello, i have lived between Portland and Bend Oregon since 1990, over the years i have seen a lot of changes in the Healthcare system and it is not for the better. The long lines with in the the hospitals and wait periods are crazy. The understaffing , is so bad in Bend right now, my grandson had an accident and he needed stitches, He sate in the ER for over 3 hours only to be sent to another location so he could be sedated. He was hurt at 9 in the morning and was not tended to till after 5:00 pm. My daughter in law was dealing with this with infant in her hands the whole time. Personally, I have waited for hours to get looked at after waiting a year for an appointment all due to understaffing. I still haven't gotten a call back for a crucial test over 1 year , i now am trying at another location waiting for the specialist to call me. My son broke his back and had surgery, his lungs filled up with fluid the next morning because the hospital was so understaffed and they never rotated him after surgery.

The poor staffing is causing such delayed and poor health care to those that need it. These are only a few items that could of been addressed with good staffing.