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It is a regular occurrence in our unit that, as nurses, we recollect on how unsafe staffing has impacted our nursing practice. Many of the sentiments include "this is scary" "this feels so unsafe" "it never used to be like this" and most important "this could have been prevented" and "it doesn't have to be like this". As a bedside nurse I know how hard it is to do the work and more. The greatest impact is burnout. I myself had to take a mental health LOA in order to return to the bedside after years of working at the bedside through a global pandemic. We need safer staffing!