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# Resignations concern womens' groups, opposition

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The planned resignation of the province's three specialists that deal with women's cancers is causing concern with womens' groups and the provincial opposition. Both groups say there is a crisis situation in the health care system, which needs to be addressed immediately or women's health and the situation will get worse. If there is no resolution to the situation, the gynecological oncologists' resignations will take effect Oct. 7, 2008. Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones is urging the premier and Health minister to sit down with the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association to seek a solution. "The minister's casual approach to the situation is an insult to the patients and those involved in the medical profession who continuously highlight the problems that exist. It is obvious government is not taking this matter seriously enough and further steps must be taken to address these issues," Jones says. Combined with breast cancer testing issues raised in the Cameron Inquiry, personnel shortages in obstetrics units this summer, and delayed midwifery legislation, Michelle Murdoch with the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, says they are getting the message that the health care system doesn't value women. "Women's health care is in crisis in our province," says Murdoch, "and I have to wonder why the province is so complacent about that. It seems very odd to me that gynecological oncologists — the doctors who deal with cancer specific to women — aren't getting their demands met like the other oncologists."

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**Mike from NL writes:** Are these resignations a bad thing? Who got us into this mess, anyway? Someone needs to resign. Maybe someone in government or the health industry. Someone needs to take some responsibility for a change.

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**anthony rockel from Placentia, nl writes:** Yes, I guess Ross Wiseman is well on the way to being a poster boy for womens' groups. But as for the opposition's cries of righteous indignation, they should remember the contemptuous and sleazy behaviour of their party when it came to dealing with health care concerns during their long and dreary reign of ignorance.

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**M M from NL writes:** If this were 3 oncologists that treated prostate or testicular cancer, would this be happening. Women are being marginalized in the health care system, whether you are a physician or a patient. As one of the patients of the women resigning, I cannot express the stress I am enduring as a result of their actions, but I do not blame them. The PC government is behind the inequities that are now present in the healthcare system and I feel like it's 1800 and something and women are disposable in society. I'm sorry, but if the govt wants to increase the declining population, it's not doing much to safeguard the reproductive capabilities of the women in the province.

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**Gerry Dunphy from Etobicoke, Ontario writes:** This situation has gotten way out of hand, right now it is making me very nervous, Ross Weisman keeps showing his arrogant face in the media that only a Mother could love on Pay Day, I for one want to move back home very shortley for good but i am waiting to see what is going to happen, I think that with all of this big Oil Money That The Premier Must Pull Out All Stops and bring our health care System right up to Par ALL THE WAY, This is way Past Being Funny, How Many More People Have To Die Before You Act Mr Premier? I Will Bet That If Anything Happens To Any Of Those Guys Up On The Hill That They Will Be On The Next Flight To The Mayo Clinic In Boston, Our Hardworking People Deserve Better, Lets Have It Danny.

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**Mercedes Jones from st. johns, nl writes:** Even if they were involved in the cover-up we still need their expertise! So keep them anyway you can!

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**Sarah from Ontario writes:** I'm a midwifery student from Ontario. I'd LOVE the opportunity to practice in Newfoundland and I would do whatever I could to help get the profession going again. Newfoundlanders know they are getting a raw deal and won't put up with it forever. Time to get with the program Danny, Newfoundland's women are in trouble.

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