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Sharing a snack

Five-year-old Taylor Robinson gives dad Jim a bite of her burger Saturday at the 10th annual M&M Meat Shops charity barbecue.

Milton hospital will just be part of big corporation: Doc

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three.

While Milton's inability to attract a new obstetrician goes back long before amalgamation was even considered, she said the move isn't helping the recruiting process.

"In the past year we've lost two doctors to lifestyle-favourable hospitals in the United States and Toronto," Dr. King explained. "If we're not able to recruit someone soon our three remaining part-timers are going to be so overworked that they may lose some skills and some lives as well."

According to local nursing representative Sheila Richardson, Milton and other small communities have already lost countless nurses to the U.S. — where more secure work conditions prevail.

Speaking in favour of the Tory health care reform, Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh it's the uncertainty of amalgamation that has caused widespread rumours about lost services and compromised health care.

He said his government is spending more on health care — 35 per cent — than any other in recent history and that the addition of 2,000 new long-term care beds in Halton and 20,000 across Ontario serves as proof of the provincial commitment to improving the system.

One rumour he and Mr. Halls dispelled regards local fundraising proceeds, which will remain for the sole use of Milton District Hospital.

They explained that the Milton-Oakville hospital board will include seven members from each facility.

Dr. Koslowski suggests that there will still be an imbalance.

"Each hospital department is responsible for making recommendations to board members. With 10 departments in Oakville and only four in Milton, having a seven and seven board situation still isn't going to make things equal," he warned.


The Milton-Oakville hospital amalgamation is scheduled to be finalized by the end of July.

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