

## Rally in front of Hôpital St-François d'Assise

On April 1, 2010, the Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ and its CHUQ, CHA and UCPQ affiliated unions organized a rally in front of Hôpital St-François d'Assise to denounce the unbearable working conditions of the care professionals who work there and the generalization of these conditions of practice in all the institutions of the public health network.



The President of the La FIQ, Régine Laurent, was at the rally, along with a hundred workers calling for more structuring measures throughout the public network, so that care professionals can perform their work under

acceptable conditions. Ms. Laurent reminded the media that the staff of Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec (CHUQ) were compelled to work 100,000 hours of overtime last year.

## Demonstration organized by the Coalition against user fees and privatization of public services

The FIQ participated in the demonstration organized by the Coalition against user fees and privatization of public services (*Coalition opposée à la tarification et à la privatisation des services publics*) in Montreal on April 1, 2010, to protest against the first Bachand budget, which fully reflects the government's disengagement from funding of public services and the Quebec health network.

The 12,000 demonstrators who responded to the Coalition's call denounced the rate increases and the regressive measures



announced by the Charest government in the recent budget, particularly the imposition of an annual contribution of \$200 per adult starting in 2012 for health care, without any resulting improvement in services.

The demonstrators called on the government to stop using the economic crisis and budget deficits as pretexts for applying with impunity a neo-liberal model doomed to failure, a model that impoverishes the middle class and the most disadvantaged people even further.



## Launch of construction of the MUHC in PPP mode

History is repeating itself. The FIQ again expressed its discontent on the occasion of the launch of construction of the McGill University Health Centre in public-private partnership mode, an event attended by Ministers Gagnon-Tremblay and Bolduc on April 1, 2010.



While it has been proven that public-private partnerships do not contribute to reduce the public debt and hide major deficiencies in terms of transparency, the FIQ again denounced the Charest government's stubbornness in diverting the public treasury to private enterprise.

## Calendar - Mobilization

### April

Members wear an armband  
Members wear a temporary tattoo decal

### April 8 and 9, 2010

Special Federal Council, in Quebec City

### May

Conference on independent labour, May 28 and 29, 2010