He thinks he’s having a conversation about the hospital jello. She’s actually midway through about 100 assessments.

In the seconds it takes to reach the bedside of a patient to ask how they feel, a Registered Nurse will have made over 100 assessments.

Any one of which could mean the difference between recovery and tragedy.

Take away direct patient care from Registered Nurses and vital knowledge affecting the health of that patient is lost.

Nurses are doing vital work. It’s that simple. While rethinking our regional health care system it is vital to strengthen the role of Registered Nurses, the most comprehensively trained nurses in the system.

Registered Nurses are not an adjunct to our evolving health care system, they are at the very hub of it. Making sure they keep direct patient contact is critical to the quality of our health care system.

While they may not be specialists in green Jello, when it comes to health care, Registered Nurses are irreplaceable.

A Message From The British Columbia Nurses’ Union.