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## **Belgium Report May 2021.**

The last 13 months have been almost exclusively marked by the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Above all, this crisis has highlighted the difficulty for hospitals in dealing with large-scale events.

Due to a chronic lack of funding, which has led to a lack of equipment reserve, but above all a lack of competent nurses.

This shortage is due to poor working conditions leading to a flight to other jobs and also longer nursing studies.

In recent months, public recognition for caregivers has eroded and sometimes led to expressions of hostility and even verbal or physical aggression. Epidemiologists and virologists are victims of threats on social networks.

At the same time, health rules are becoming less and less respected.

At present, thanks to the advance of vaccinations, the pressure is beginning to decrease.

At the most critical time of the crisis, politicians in the government kept promising change.

What about now?

Few concrete things except bills that are feared to result in a worse situation than before the Covid-19, with reform being at the expense of doctors.

A very recent example is a project for the status of training specialists that has already caused work stoppages.