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B.C. healthcare professionals call off rotating strikes

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Health science professionals in B.C. aren't ready to accept the latest contract offer from the province -- but they say it has prompted them to call off rotating strikes.

X-rays technicians and those who conduct CT scans, MRIs, ultrasound, nuclear medicine and other procedures walked out last week and more lab service cuts were slated for today -- until they were cancelled yesterday afternoon.

Union leaders say the latest offer doesn't begin to address wage or concession demands but they believe it's an effort to provoke further job action so the government will have an excuse to recall the legislature and impose a contract.

Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association president Reid Johnson says his 17,000 members will not go down that road, and the union's dispute is with the government -- not patients who need hospital services.

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