Make healthcare a priority this election!



JOIN BC FAMILY DOCTORS IN ASKING FOR REAL INVESTMENTS IN OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

With over 700,000 British Columbians and more than 6.5 million Canadians without a family doctor, we need real investment and real solutions for our healthcare system.

This federal election, we're asking you to speak out and make healthcare a top priority.

Federal funding and legislation power the engine that is our provincial health system. Now more than ever, we need to come together and build a robust healthcare system. One that will ensure you can deliver timely, high-quality patient care and that supports you to thrive as a family physician.

This federal election, we're asking you to talk to your local federal election candidates. Share your stories about what it's like to be a family doctor in our current healthcare system.

Solutions for a better health system

Here are three key messages you can use to share your concerns and solutions for how we can transform care for Canadians and improve the working lives of family doctors.

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1. PUT PATIENTS BEFORE PAPERWORK

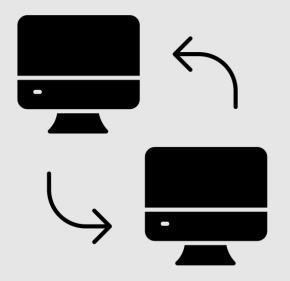
Family doctors across Canada are drowning in paperwork. The federal government can help streamline processes to free up physicians' time for patient care. An estimated 261,000 hours (about 1 million patient appointments) could be saved each year by eliminating requirements for family doctors to write sick notes alone!

We're asking for:

- Eliminate employer sick note requirements for short illnesses for employees of federal agencies.
- Streamline or eliminate federal forms, such as the Disability Tax Credit certificate.







2. MAKE INFORMATION SHARING SEAMLESS

Digital health tools are the future of our health care system. We need to harness the potential of AI and other technology to help deliver better patient care. We need to create connected IT systems to enable the sharing of information between physicians and other health professionals and with patients.

We're asking for:

- Create a national plan to improve interoperability, such as a coordinated approach to adopting and funding EMRs (electronic medical record).
- Invest in digital health innovation, like AI tools, to help reduce physician administrative workloads.
- Establish federal policy to support comprehensive health data interoperability nationwide.



Additional resources:

- Canadian Medical Association's (CMA) Election 2025 <u>Fighting for Care</u> <u>campaign</u>
- College of Family Physicians of Canada <u>2025 Federal Election</u> <u>Campaign Overview</u>
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada <u>2025 Federal</u> <u>Election Advocacy</u>

3. STRENGTHEN RURAL HEALTHCARE

Our rural healthcare system is in crisis. The shortage of doctors and other healthcare professionals in rural communities is causing long waits for primary care, closing emergency rooms and leading to burnout among healthcare workers.

Our <u>Fair Care Everywhere campaign</u> offers solutions to improve our rural health system.

We're asking for:

- A national rural healthcare strategy.
- A comprehensive health human resource plan for Canada to increase healthcare staff, with a focus on rural communities.
- Investments in reliable transportation systems for rural patients to access care.

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Family doctors are the heart of healthcare. This federal election, let's make sure healthcare is a priority and your voices are heard!

