

Team-Based Primary Care is the Foundation for a Stronger, Healthier Canada.

The rising cost of living is pushing health workers out of the system. Wage disparities, burnout, and unaffordable housing are making it harder for communities to retain a health care workforce. AFHTO and its members are committed to ensuring MP Candidates understand the importance of team-based primary care for improving the Canadian health system.

We need federal leadership to address the health workforce crisis.

- This includes increasing immigration support for internationally educated health professionals,
- Repealing capital gains increases that deter physician practice investment, and
- Helping providers move between provinces to serve where needed.
- This includes support for Indigenous-Led Primary Health Care. Communities deserve access to culturally safe, team-based care close to home supported by long-term stable funding.

We need investments in population health and preventative health care initiatives.

- Canada's health system is stretched to the limit. Investing in our population and addressing affordability —like housing, food security, and climate resilience—reduces pressure on primary care and emergency departments.
- Federal investments in population health pay off by preventing illness and allowing primary care teams to focus on complex patient needs.

We need targeted federal investments in Team-Based Primary Care and unattached Canadians

- Over 6.5 million Canadians have no family doctor or primary care provider.
- Canada's bilateral health agreements investing in home and community care expire in 2027.
- New investments need to focus on supporting provinces in expanding access to team-based primary care to reduce ER visits, improve health outcomes, and ensure that all Canadians have access to a clinician.

We must leverage new technologies, including AI, to reduce administrative burden

- Federal investment in interoperable, connected digital health systems is essential to reduce paperwork and free up time for patient care.
- Support the adoption of AI tools and integrated electronic medical records across provinces—help us work smarter, not harder.

Preparing for the next health emergency is a continuous process

- Climate events, misinformation, and public health crises are the new normal. We need a health workforce and health infrastructure prepared to respond.
- Federal emergency preparedness plans must include health workforce support and investments in climate-resilient, team-based care delivery models.

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