

2016 Federal Budget Highlights (Health and Seniors)

- \$20 million over three years for the Brain Canada Foundation's Canada Brain Research Fund.
- \$39 million over three years to the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement.
- \$50 million over two years to Canada Health Infoway to support short-term digital health activities in e-prescribing and tele-homecare.
- \$5 million over five years to the Heart and Stroke Foundation to support targeted research on women's heart health.
- \$4 million over the next four years to the Canadian Men's Health Foundation.
- Research granting councils receive extra \$95 million dollars a year in new annual funding, including \$30 million for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- First Nations health care centres earmarked \$270 million over five years for repairs, building and renovations.
- Nutrition North \$64.5 million over five years, plus an additional \$13.8 million per year to expand program to isolated communities.
- Restore eligibility age of Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement to age 65 from 67.
- \$200.7 million over two years, to support the construction, repair and adaption of affordable housing for seniors.
- \$3.4 billion dollars over five years to lift low-income single seniors out of poverty with increase to Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) top-up benefits (GIS increased by up to \$947 annually).
- \$25 million over five years to improve immunization coverage rates, ensuring the health and safety of Canadians, particularly children and those who are immunocompromised, such as the elderly.