





Federal Election 2019

Health Care Commitments

			 <small>PLATFORM RELEASED JUNE 16, 2019</small>	 <small>PLATFORM RELEASED SEPT. 16, 2019</small>
Pharmacare	<p>\$35 million over the next 4 years towards a national pharmacare, including the creation of a new “Canada Drug Agency” (Budget 2019).</p> <p>\$1 billion over two years, starting in 2022/23 with up to \$500 million per year on-going for a national strategy to address the high cost of drugs for rare diseases (Budget 2019).</p> <p>Reducing price of innovative medicines through Patented Medicine Prices Review Board (PMPRB) reforms.</p> <p>Commitment to continued access to medication, in light of U.S decision to allow Canadian drug imports.</p>		<p>Universal, single payer pharmacare by 2020 and a \$10 billion funding commitment.</p>	<p>Establish a federal crown corporation to bulk buy prescription medication to drive down the cost to provinces.</p> <p>Reduce drug patent protection periods.</p> <p>Expand single payer medicare to include pharmacare for all.</p>
Federal Health Spending	<p>Commitment to invest \$6 billion over four years in health care to ensure Canadians have access to family doctors and reasonable drug prices.</p>	<p>Commitment to increase health and social transfers in the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) by up to 3% per year.</p>		<p>Restore the federal/provincial Health Accord, basing health transfers on demographics and real health care needs in each</p>

		Commitment to spend \$1.5 billion to buy new medical imaging equipment for facilities across Canada.		province, replacing the current formula based on GDP growth.
Seniors & Dementia	Implementation of a national dementia strategy, with \$50 million over the next 5 years.		Funding a national dementia strategy. Expand the <i>Canada Health Act</i> to include long-term care.	Establish a national seniors' strategy.
Indigenous Health	Investments to improve Indigenous health, including improving access to assisted living, home care and long-term care, as well as ending boil water advisories (Budget 2019).			Uphold Jordan's Principle in full, ensuring Indigenous People receive the health care they need without being delayed by bureaucratic disagreements over jurisdiction. Implement Calls to Action 18-24 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, improving health care for Indigenous Peoples. Support First Nations, Métis and Inuit in re-building traditional knowledge systems around healing and wellness, including the formal inclusion of traditional healing within mental wellness and home and community care programs. This process must be led by First Nations, Métis and Inuit organizations.

<p>Mental Health & Addictions</p>	<p>\$25 million over five years for the development of a pan-Canadian suicide prevention service, and an additional \$30.5 million over the next five years for treatment and harm reduction to address the opioid crisis (Budget 2019).</p>		<p>Declare an opioid public health emergency, support overdose prevention sites and seek financial compensation from pharmaceutical companies.</p> <p>Commitments to public coverage for mental health.</p>	<p>Reorient Health Canada’s mandate towards mental health and addictions.</p> <p>Address the opioid crisis as a health-care issue, not a criminal issue, by declaring a national health emergency.</p> <p>Recognize that fentanyl contamination is why deaths are more accurately described as poisonings than overdoses. Drug possession should be decriminalized, ensuring people have access to a screened supply and the medical support they need to combat their addictions.</p> <p>Increase funding to community-based organizations to test drugs and make Naloxone kits widely available to treat overdoses.</p> <p>Establish a national mental health strategy and a suicide prevention strategy to address the growing anxieties plaguing Canadians regarding inequality and affordability, the growing precariousness of work and housing, the climate crisis, social isolation, resurgent racial and ethno-nationalism and other harms and risks.</p>
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<p>Innovation & Life Sciences</p>	<p>Investments in a number of life sciences organizations including, Stem Cell Network, Brain Canada Foundation, Terry Fox Research Institute, Ovarian Cancer Canada, and Genome Canada (Budget 2019).</p>			<p>Protect our public blood system by prohibiting for-profit blood collection services and removing barriers to blood donations not based on science.</p>
<p>Other Health Commitments</p>	<p>Expanding health-related tax relief under the Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) system, as well as a commitment to review the income tax treatment of fertility related medical expenses under the Medical Expense Tax Credit (Budget 2019).</p> <p>\$36.5 million over the next five years to develop a pan-Canadian data and performance system for organ donation and transplantation (Budget 2019).</p> <p>Investments to address challenges for Canadians with visual impairments, as well as targeted investments for Canadians with Autism Spectrum Disorders.</p> <p>Introducing a food policy for Canada and a recommitment to previously articulated priorities around healthy eating.</p>	<p>A \$1.5 billion dollar commitment to purchase MRI and CT scanners to replace aging diagnostic imaging scanners and to reduce wait times.</p>	<p>Uphold the <i>Canada Health Act</i> (including access to abortion services).</p> <p>Expand the <i>Canada Health Act</i> to include dental care. Free dental care for households that make less than \$70K a year.</p> <p>Commitments on public coverage for eye care and fertility services.</p> <p>Regulate natural health products.</p> <p>Commit to addressing health human resources gaps, and to work with provinces and territories to lower wait times and improve access to primary care.</p>	<p>Increase investment in preventative health care.</p> <p>Free dental care for low-income Canadians.</p> <p>Negotiate the Canada Health Accord to prioritize expansion of mental health and rehabilitation services, reduction in wait times, access to safe abortion services and access to gender-affirming health services such as hormones, blockers, and surgery.</p> <p>Reorient Health Canada’s mandate to health promotion and disease prevention, and the health risks of climate change.</p> <p>Encourage medical associations to train health-care professionals to understand and engage with climate change related health threats.</p>