

# **A Family Doctor** for Every Canadian

Family medicine is the backbone of health care in Canada, directly providing more than half of all the medical care in the **country**. Attachment to a family physician leads to healthier patients and more efficient health care systems. But over six million Canadians don't have their own family doctor.

We are calling on all parties to commit to every Canadian having access to the high-quality medical care provided by a family doctor. Canadians want this too!



## Where Canadians stand

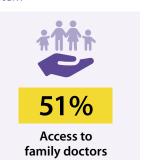
Top issues to fix in the health care system



Wait times for consulting specialists and surgeries



**ER** wait times



CFPC-Nanos Poll (2025)

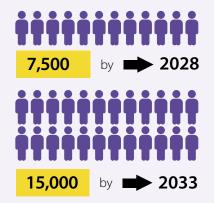


Federal government should do more to make sure everyone in Canada has access to a family doctor.

# **Support the following priorities**

#### Invest in family medicine

→ Commit to adding new family doctors



→ Invest in medical student loan forgiveness, fair compensation for family doctors, more family physician training spaces, and expedited recognition for international medical graduates

#### Reduce administrative burden

→ Family doctors spend



per week doing administrative tasks. some of which are low value. This time would be better spent on patient care

→ Eliminate or streamline burdensome paperwork requirements for federal forms, expand effective referral solutions, and introduce legislation prohibiting reliance on family doctors for sick notes and access to insurance benefits

## Support family doctors with teams

→ Primary care is best delivered by dedicated teams practising collaboratively, led by a family doctor as described in the CFPC's

Patient's Medical Home vision there is no substitute for a family doctor

→ Invest in expanded and standardized team-based care across Canada, supporting transition and innovation to make sure family doctors have the support they need from capable and committed health professionals