Support Team-Based Care

Six million Canadians don't have access to a regular family doctor, leading to untreated conditions, frustrated patients, and rising system costs.

Team-based primary care has been shown to improve access, cut system costs, and enhance full care—from cradle to grave.

Team-based care across Canada is uneven and needs federal leadership.

Recommendations





Federal government commits to a goal of having 50 per cent of Canadians attached to a primary care team featuring family physicians, as envisioned in the **Patient's Medical Home**, by 2030 and 80 per cent attachment by 2035.

- → Dedicated investments are made into expanding interprofessional team-based primary care through the series of bilateral funding agreements between the federal government and provincial/territorial governments
- → The central role of family physicians in primary care, <u>as recognized by Canadians</u>, is maintained and valued. There is no substitute for a family doctor.

Key Solutions

- → Provide dedicated funding to make sure that family practices have resources to involve primary care health professionals including social workers, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and many others in provision of care, with the family physician leading teams
 - There is uneven progress across Canada



- → Set clear parameters for team-based care, including the central and irreplaceable role of family physicians as clinical leaders
 - The CFPC's <u>Patient's</u> <u>Medical Home</u> provides a vision for patient-centred care



→ Fund programs facilitating the education of and transition into teambased care, including supporting medical education in team-based environments

→ Support teams with robust tools for sharing clinical information across care settings, with a focus on interoperability of electronic medical records

