



# A Family Doctor for Every Canadian

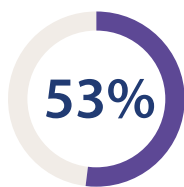
Family medicine is the backbone of health care in Canada, directly providing more than half of all the medical care in the country. Attachment to a family physician leads to healthier patients and more efficient health care systems.

But over six million Canadians don't have their own family doctor.

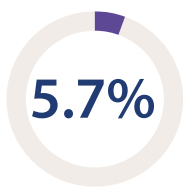
Family physicians and their practices are suffering from burnout. Canadians are calling on federal leadership to help stabilize and rebuild primary care.



## Family doctors are inadequately funded



Proportion of all medical services provided by family doctors in Canada



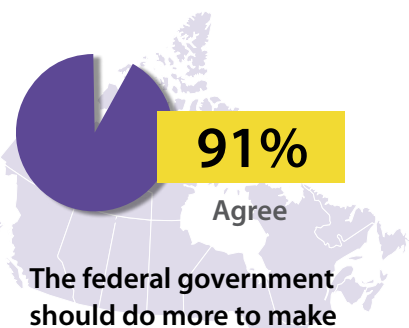
Proportion of national health spending on family doctors

## Where Canadians stand



51%

Say access to family doctors is one of the top issues to fix in the health care system



The 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

- Expand family medicine training programs through dedicated funding, which includes supporting infrastructure such as community training hubs.



- Implement and distribute the pledged **\$300M** new practice fund for family doctors.

- Introduce **national licensure** to ensure cross-Canada workforce mobility.

### Reduce administrative burden

- Cut or simplify federal health forms such as the **CRA's Disability Tax Credit** form.
- Invest in distribution of effective referral tools and fund long-term adoption of **AI scribe** products.
- Pass legislation prohibiting reliance on sick notes or insurance benefits that require physician authorization.
- Ensure electronic records' interoperability through federal legislation.

### 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 expansion and support for family doctor-led primary care teams, supporting the implementation in training environments, and provide leadership in defining interprofessional team-based care.

