

HEALTH CARE SPENDING

by Country, 2018 - OECD*

Here are just a few examples of how Canada spends more than other countries that are performing better.

Australia

9.3% of GDP

Canada

10.7% of GDP

Netherlands

9.9% of GDP

New Zealand

9.3% of GDP

United Kingdom 9.8% of GDP

Among OECD countries with comparable systems, Canada ranks 6th highest in spending.

2019 total health spending in Canada

Not only does Canada overspend and underperform compared to other OECD countries, but there isn't even parity between provinces and territories. Access to quality health care should not depend on your postal code. Our federal and provincial leaders must commit to delivering better health care for all Canadians no matter where they live.

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ALBERTA

Elected on the commitment to improve wait times. So far, all about disrupting patient care and saving money. No commitment to improve system performance, only reduce spending

MANITOBA

Saving is the mission. Plan to reduce use of Winnipeg facilities but only vague words about improving care and access in the country. Public drug plan is the most expensive in the country. Shame!

QUEBEC

More doctors than anywhere, but good luck seeing one! Private clinics now abound in the province and neither government stops it. Two-tiered medicine now systematized and worse, subsidized!

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Health system under huge stress and province pays more than any other - yet no concrete plan from the government.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Specialists come and go - recruitment, without retention is no plan at all. Lack of access to innovative medicines and new technologies is embarrassing!

NEW BRUNSWICK

Claims to improve access, but instead closes 6 rural community hospitals? Confused? So are we.



NOVA SCOTIA

Hospital closures, vague promises about plans to replace. No capacity in the province. Wait lists are so long, they can hardly be called "lists".

SASKATCHEWAN

Best of the lot, but mediocre at best. Drugs are too expensive, access to specialists are abysmal and forget about care close to home.

ONTARIO

Hallway medicine! Outside of urban centres, limited access to primary care, slow access to a specialist. Vague promises to expand the types of providers who can see patients, but no funding attached. When in doubt, reorganize the system -- but no timeline or outcome declared. Chaos disguised as action!

WHERE'S THE LEADERSHIP?

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Good luck.

Horrible wait times, especially for

hips and knees. Try to get a doctor?

The Federal government needs to stand up and provide leadership. How?

- Link Federal funding to improved wait times and health outcomes.
- Ensure robust interjurisdictional parity of services across Canada.
- Ensure patient access to their own information is readily available and in a format that provides context.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Canada, 18% of patients waited four months or more for elective surgery. In the Netherlands, just 4% waited that long, and in Germany, 0% waited that long.
- In Canada, 30% of patients waited 4 hours or more to be treated in the emergency department. In Germany, just 3% waited that long, and in France, 1% waited that long.

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