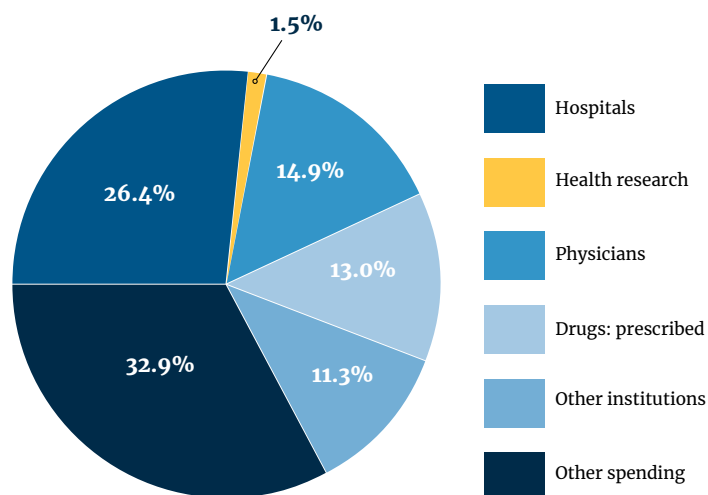


Strengthen health research and innovation

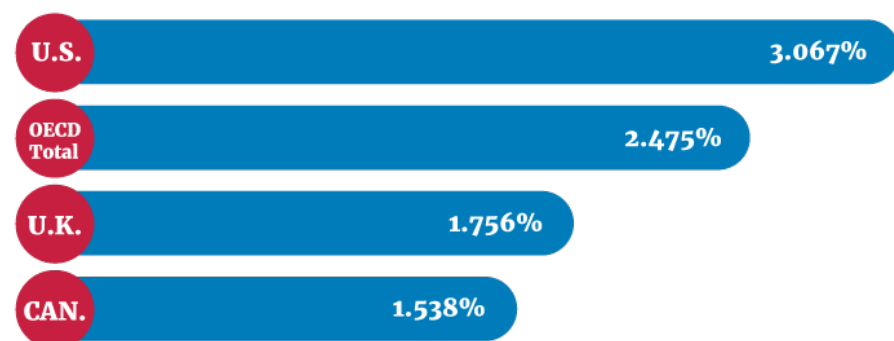
Through increased investments and opportunities for partnerships.

Spending on healthcare in Canada

Canada spends only 1.5% of its total healthcare budget on health research¹



Investments in health research: How Canada compares internationally (% of GDP, as of 2019)²



COVID-19 & Canadian health research

Canadian researchers contributed significantly to the global fight against COVID-19, including by first profiling the body's immune response to the virus and developing the lipid nanoparticles to deliver mRNA to the body's cells – a breakthrough based on 40 years of research.

Economic impact of the health research sector



Contributes \$7.8 billion to Canada's GDP.³



Employs 3% of Canadians, approx. 492,000 Canadians.⁴



Creates spin-off companies.



Trains the next generation of highly qualified personnel.



Attracts top talent and global investments.

Academic healthcare organizations (AHOs) deserve equal access to federal funding



- AHOs bring together researchers, universities, patients, government and industry, and act as Canada's health innovation hubs keeping Canadians healthy and productive.
- However, the full potential of AHOs and the health and economic benefits of the vital work they do are not being realized because federal policies do not allow AHOs to compete directly for funding.
- This approach limits the research pursued and the partnerships that can be formed to advance health research and innovation, based solely on the type of institution where the research is conducted.

How can we take Canada to the next level?



- **Invest a minimum of 2% of public spending on healthcare (\$3.7B) on health research and innovation**, allocated equally between health research and strategic initiatives to tackle pressing social issues.
- **Provide AHOs direct and equal access to federal funding** to foster increased partnerships and ensure Canada's most promising research is being pursued regardless of where it is being conducted.
- **Create a policy environment that fosters innovation and partnerships in health research**, across institutions, provinces and territories, internationally and public/private industry.