

AN INNOVATIVE FEDERAL APPROACH TO HEALTH CARE

Canada's healthcare organizations are proud to offer world-class care, training, and research. Yet without increases to federal health transfers, we won't be able to meet the challenges on our doorstep: an aging population, stagnation in supports for health research and innovation, and a growing need to develop a new generation of expert health leaders, clinicians and researchers. Canadians deserve a renewed federal commitment to health.



ADDRESS THE TRUE COSTS OF HEALTH RESEARCH

To help drive Canada's competitiveness in the global economy, health researchers need to be supported for the full costs of research. Canada's Research Support Fund helps researchers cover indirect research costs, such as for maintaining modern labs and equipment, hiring administrative support, and paying other administrative expenses.

Over time the support provided by this fund has eroded, putting Canadian researchers at a severe competitive disadvantage relative to our peers and contributing to our national brain drain.

How can you help?

Support Canadian researchers by establishing a minimum floor of 25% funding from the Research Support Fund to cover the indirect costs of research.

Falling behind in health research



80%
OF OPERATING COSTS
ARE REIMBURSED



40-60%
OF OPERATING COSTS
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18-22%
OF OPERATING COSTS
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RENEW COMMITMENT TO HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

The federal government used to play a key role in building and maintaining healthcare infrastructure. But for the last decade, Canadian health infrastructure, including hospitals and healthcare institutions, have been excluded from federal infrastructure funding, even as they have been transforming to meet the evolving needs of patients.

If Canada is to continue providing safe, innovative, high-quality healthcare for its citizens, we must update and upgrade our aging hospital infrastructure.

How can you help?

Allow healthcare organizations to apply directly for federal infrastructure, innovation, and research funding support, per FINA's recommendation in 2017. This only requires a policy change, not additional funding.

Hazards of aging health infrastructure



Weakened Disaster Responsiveness

DECREASED ABILITY TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS (E.G. OUTBREAKS)



Risks to Patient Safety

INCREASED PROBABILITY OF ACCIDENTS OR HAZARDS (E.G. HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS)



Costs to the Environment

INABILITY TO DEPLOY CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS



UNLOCK THE POWER OF DIGITAL HEALTH

The future of Canada's healthcare system depends on our ability as a nation to seize the possibilities presented by digital health. The healthcare community needs stimulus funding to drive growth in the development and adoption of digital technologies in health.

How can you help?

Invest in digital health and data platforms in Canada's research hospitals and health organizations to improve patient care and support climate mitigation efforts.

Benefits of investing in digital health



Cost savings

BETTER USE OF DATA AND ANALYTICS COULD SAVE THE HEALTH SYSTEM

\$10 BILLION A YEAR



Increased productivity

DIGITAL HEALTH SYSTEMS COULD ACT AS A CATALYST, BOOSTING PRODUCTIVITY BY UP TO

\$408 MILLION



Improved health

TREATMENTS HAVE BEEN **RADICALLY IMPROVED** AS A RESULT OF ADOPTING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

WHO WE ARE

HealthCareCAN is the national voice of Canada's healthcare organizations, community and research hospitals across Canada. We represent over 600,000 employees, 8,000 scientists, 60,000 research staff and students, and 45,000 volunteers in the healthcare setting.