

Canadian Medical Association: Views on the Continuum of Health Care

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		BC	Alberta	Sask/Man	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
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Base: All Respondents												
Unweighted Base	1001	135	100	70	380	241	75	470	531	195	418	373
Weighted Base	1001	140	96*	67*	385	238	76*	490	511	294	385	308
Some people say governments should fund any new medical treatment that improves the length and quality of someone's life, regardless of the cost to taxpayers	567	72	46	33	228	143	46	249	318	174	217	167
	57%	52%	48%	49%	59%	60%	60%	51%	62% G	59%	56%	54%
Other people say that governments should take cost into consideration in deciding whether or not to fund new treatments that improve the length and quality of someone's life	407	66	44	29	151	91	25	229	178	115	157	132
	41%	47%	46%	44%	39%	38%	33%	47% H	35%	39%	41%	43%
Don't know/Refused	27	1	6	5	6	4	5	13	15	6	11	9
	3%	1%	6% ADE	7% ADE	2%	2%	6% ADE	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%

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Governments should use their existing health care funding to pay for 70% of all health services including doctors' visits, hospital services, drug coverage, homecare and dental care, even if it means that individuals or their insurance would have to pay the difference	463	72	40	27	164	130	29	219	244	131	177	146
	46%	52%	42%	41%	42%	55% CDF	39%	45%	48%	45%	46%	47%
Governments should use their existing health care funding to pay for 100% of hospital services and doctors' visits, even if it means that individuals or their insurance would be responsible for paying fully for the other health services, such as drug coverage, homecare and dental care	502	65	50	36	205	105	41	254	248	151	202	145
	50%	46%	52%	54%	53% E	44%	55%	52%	49%	51%	52%	47%
Don't know/Refused	36	3	6	4	16	3	5	17	19	12	6	17
	4%	2%	6% E	5% E	4% E	1%	6% E	4%	4%	4%	2%	6% J

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Long term care	372 37%	49 35%	48 50% AE	24 36%	149 39% E	71 30%	32 42%	94 32%	140 36%	137 45% GH	182 37%	190 37%
Home care	262 26%	41 30% BD	15 15%	13 19%	79 20%	97 41% ABCDEF	18 24%	67 23%	113 29%	79 26%	117 24%	145 28%
Prescription drugs	183 18%	21 15%	20 20%	24 35% ABDE	72 19% E	30 13%	17 22%	68 23%	65 16%	50 16%	96 20%	87 17%
Dental care	112 11%	13 9%	8 9%	3 5%	55 14% C	26 11%	6 8%	41 14% I	47 12% I	23 7%	51 10%	61 12%
Vision care	52 5%	11 8%	4 4%	2 3%	21 6%	13 5%	2 2%	21 7% I	23 6% I	9 3%	31 6%	22 4%
Don't know/Refused	20 2%	4 3%	2 2%	2 3%	9 2%	1 0	2 2%	3 1%	5 1%	10 3%	14 3%	6 1%

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The government should cover catastrophic prescription drug expenses that exceed a certain amount of an individuals' annual income. This would entail a minimal increase in public expenditure.	404	57	45	33	148	89	32	114	181	108	206	198
	40%	41%	47%	49%	38%	37%	42%	39%	46% I	35%	42%	39%
The government should cover 70% of all Canadians' prescription drug expenses. This would entail a modest increase in public expenditure.	401	64	35	23	152	100	27	135	136	129	190	211
	40%	45%	37%	34%	39%	42%	36%	46% H	35%	42% H	39%	41%
The government should cover 100% of Canadians' prescription drug expenses. This would entail a significant increase in public spending.	160	16	15	8	66	39	16	40	61	59	74	86
	16%	11%	16%	13%	17%	16%	21%	14%	16%	19%	15%	17%
Don't know/Refused	37	3	1	3	19	10	1	6	16	12	20	17
	4%	2%	1%	4%	5%	4%	1%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%

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Very confident	185 18%	23 16%	16 17%	11 17%	87 23% E	36 15%	12 16%	64 22% H	56 14%	65 21% H	93 19%	92 18%
Somewhat confident	365 36% E	56 40% E	47 49% E	29 44% E	154 40% E	51 21%	29 38% E	115 39% I	161 41% I	89 29%	193 39%	172 34%
Not very confident	226 23%	31 22%	18 19%	13 20%	73 19%	75 31% BD	16 21%	61 21%	85 22%	79 26%	105 21%	121 24%
Not at all confident	208 21%	27 20%	14 14%	11 16%	65 17%	73 31% ABCD	19 24%	51 17%	90 23%	66 21%	88 18%	120 23% J
Don't know/Refused	17 2%	2 2%	2 2%	2 4%	6 2%	4 2%	1 1%	4 1%	2 0	10 3% H	11 2%	7 1%
TOPBOX & LOWBOX SUMMARY												
Confident (Top2Box)	550 55% E	79 57% E	63 65% E	40 60% E	241 62% E	86 36%	41 53% E	178 60% I	216 55%	154 50%	286 58% K	264 52%
Not Confident (Low2Box)	434 43%	58 42%	32 33%	24 36%	138 36%	147 62% ABCD	34 45%	113 38%	175 45%	145 47% G	194 39%	240 47% J