

Alberta doctors grade political parties' positions on health care

A. The Alberta Medical Association advocates the health care system should put Patients First®. Would your Government:

1. Make primary care networks available to all Albertans?

Green	D
Liberal	C+
NDP	C+
PC	C+

2. Support physicians' efforts to protect patient confidentiality in the management of electronic medical records (EMRs) and electronic health records (EHRs)?

Green	C+
Liberal	B
NDP	B
PC	C+

3. Expand coverage of Alberta's Health Care Insurance Plan to include advice from physicians on smoking cessation and other preventive services?

Green	D+
Liberal	C
NDP	C
PC	D+

4. Address Alberta's physician shortage through programs and initiatives that attract and retain physicians and encourage them to remain in practice?

Green	C
Liberal	B
NDP	C
PC	C

5. Not lower the standards required for a physician to be licensed in Alberta? And would it respect the authority and expertise of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta to set the standards for licensure?

Green	C
Liberal	C+
NDP	C+
PC	C+

B. Physicians play a key role in the delivery of care to Albertans. Would your Government:

1. Continue to fund the computerization of physician offices through the Physician Office System Program?

Green	C+
Liberal	B
NDP	C+
PC	C+

2. Create a climate of stability and certainty as the province develops its provincial electronic health record (pEHR)?

Green	C
Liberal	C+
NDP	C+
PC	C+

3. Recognize the value and the leadership created by Alberta's unique trilateral agreement between Alberta Health and Wellness, the Alberta Medical Association and the regional health authorities?

Green	D
Liberal	C+
NDP	C+
PC	C+

4. Involve, in a meaningful and collaborative way, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and the Alberta Medical Association in developing the rules and regulations required by Bill 41?

Green	D+
Liberal	B+
NDP	D+
PC	D

5. Respect the professionalism and professional autonomy of physicians, their leadership in the delivery of health care, and their contribution to the Alberta economy?

Green	D+
Liberal	C+
NDP	C+
PC	D+

OVERALL GRADE

Green	D
Liberal	B
NDP	C+
PC	C

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