Call to Action
Our Collective Duty to Act

The Primary Care Vision for Canada
An integrated health care system in which every individual receives equitable, high-quality, comprehensive care from a well-trained, well-supported, and optimally utilized primary care team.

- Canada is experiencing a health care crisis, with more than six million people living in Canada lacking regular access to a primary care provider to address their health needs.
- Addressing the challenges in our primary care system requires fostering strategies, collaborative dialogues, and coordinating activities, as no one health care provider can manage all the primary care needs of individuals alone.
- A key element of the solution to this crisis is the development of team-based primary care that supports comprehensive, coordinated, person-centred care with a focus on ensuring continuity of care across providers and over time.
- Team-based care aims to improve access to care to all, with priority at this time for those with complex health issues, such as the elderly and equity deserving populations including Indigenous Peoples across Canada.
- We acknowledge and applaud the recent efforts of federal, provincial, and territorial governments to provide new funding to expand teams grounded in the vision of person-centred care such as the Patient’s Medical Home, but it is not enough.
- To enable primary health care providers to truly practice team-based care, it is crucial to reform their training and education.

THE CALL:
We urge all levels of governments to ensure that investments used for primary care teams include the required policy, training, and infrastructure reforms, guided by interprofessional tables convened to support access to effective team-based, comprehensive primary care.

IN RETURN:
We, the signatories to this Call to Action, commit to supporting governments, using our spheres of influence, bringing our collective voices, and expertise to redesign and deliver the training and system change needed to create the interprofessional primary health care workforce Canada needs.

Signed, Canada's health professional educators, practitioners, leaders, patients, citizens, and organizations.

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