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IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN THE CANADIAN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Achieving high-quality, health-care service is an integral part of all Canadians' health-care needs. Health-care systems are designed to ensure the availability of necessary health services, while at the same time promoting a healthy lifestyle, reducing the burden of disease, and improving the health of Canadians. The system is designed to be accessible, affordable, and effective. It is therefore essential that it is sustainable and efficient in providing high-quality care.

I. Introduction

Health-care services in Canada and elsewhere are increasingly being called upon to deliver services that are both effective and cost-efficient while maintaining the quality, safety, and accessibility of care. The concept of efficiency in health-care systems has been described as the ability of a system to provide health-care services at the lowest possible cost while maintaining or improving the quality of care. Efficiency is a key factor in the sustainability of health-care systems, as it helps to ensure that resources are used in the most effective manner possible.

The second is the notion of effectiveness, which refers to providing health-care services that are effective in terms of achieving health outcomes. Effective health-care services are those that are able to achieve the desired health outcomes while minimizing adverse effects and maximizing the benefits of care. The concept of effectiveness is important in the context of health-care efficiency, as it helps to ensure that resources are used in the most effective manner possible.

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