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Dr. Smart’s opening remarks

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Thank you, Chair and Members.

Today I am going to talk about the need for a national strategy for health workforce development and renewal, and the importance of investment in the future health workforce.

There are a number of challenges facing the health workforce in Canada. First, there is a growing aging population, which places an increased demand on the health system. Second, there is a growing demand for primary care services, which are crucial for maintaining a healthy population. Third, there is a growing demand for mental health services, which are essential for maintaining mental well-being. Fourth, there is a growing demand for long-term care services, which are critical for maintaining the independence of older adults.

To address these challenges, we need to invest in the future health workforce. This includes investing in the training and development of health professionals, as well as in the recruitment and retention of new health professionals.

Thank you.

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