



HEALTH MATTERS

SO LET'S NOT PUT IT AT RISK

Whether we're working in labs, diagnostic imaging, emergency medicine, therapy, addictions or any of the 240 professional disciplines we represent, HSAA members spend every day of our working lives caring for Albertans.

We care about every patient that comes through our doors, and we want to be there when they need us. Your health matters to all of us.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Our health-care system is already stretched. We need to invest in health care, not cut it.

That's why we get worried when we hear politicians talk about cutting and privatizing health care.

Every health-care dollar should go into patient care — not into profit for private health corporations — because no one needing health care should have to worry about whether or not they can afford care.

QUALITY HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO EVERY ALBERTAN WHO NEEDS IT, NOT JUST THE WEALTHY FEW.

In this election, we're asking HSAA members and all Albertans to make health care a priority. Let's not put health care at risk with cuts and privatization. Instead, let's elect a government that will protect health care and keep it public.

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WHERE DO THE PARTIES STAND?

While neither of the main parties has released their party platforms, we can learn a lot from their public statements and from their records. Here's a quick rundown of where the NDP and the UCP stand on health care:



JASON KENNEY AND THE UCP



RACHEL NOTLEY AND THE NDP



CUTS OR INVESTMENTS?

HAVE SUGGESTED CUTTING GOVERNMENT SPENDING BY 20%, which would mean slashing our health-care budgets.

HAVE INCREASED HEALTH-CARE FUNDING to reduce surgery wait times, expand ambulance services, enhance home care, and build new hospitals like the cancer-care centre in Calgary and a new hospital in Edmonton.



PRIVATIZING, USER FEES AND PREMIUMS.

IN FAVOUR OF PRIVATIZING.

UCP Policy Declaration 2018 says they will "give Albertans the choice of privately-funded, privately-delivered health services."

Kenney: *"I do support the idea of private health care."*

Source: Globe and Mail, October 31, 2000

AGAINST PRIVATIZING.

Notley: *"Privatizing our health-care system is absolutely not the answer."* Source: Leader's debate April 24, 2015

Notley: *"Health-care premiums would certainly hit vulnerable Albertans the hardest."* Source: The Canadian Press, Feb 19, 2015

NDP Leader Rachel Notley called it the "worst idea," saying it "symbolizes how out of touch this government is with regular Albertans and how willing they are to make regular folks pay the price for their mistakes."

Source: CBC News, Feb 19, 2015

WHAT CAN WE DO?

HOW DO WE PROTECT HEALTH CARE?

HSAA opposes cuts, privatization and user fees. We believe in providing safe, quality care for every Albertan, regardless of the size of their wallet.

We support a properly funded, public health-care system where patients get the care they need and health-care professionals get the support they need to provide it.

IN THIS ELECTION, LET'S NOT PUT HEALTH CARE AT RISK.

Let's elect a government that will improve and protect health care – for all us.

HSAA has launched a province-wide campaign to raise awareness about what's at stake in this election. It's too important to stay silent.



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