

## Health Care Policy and Campaign Promises

The Progressive Conservative Party believe in a common sense approach for health care. Currently Health Care in Saskatchewan is on life support. “Our current health care system is now to the point of being inhumane.”

It is time we start looking seriously at health care to ensure every person in this province who wants to be seen by a health care professional can be, in a timely manner. People should not have to wait months to seen or get necessary surgeries.

A Progressive Conservative government will:

- Utilize retired nurses who are wanting to come back to work on a part time or casual basis to help fill the void and shortages in hospitals and health care settings.
- Reduce administration costs this frees up more money to put into beds, and front-line workers.
- Have the health authority made up of stake holders in health care this way focus is now placed on patient care and not administration.
- Increase the training spots for health care workers in the provinces, with a commitment to a percentage of seats reserved for students that were born and grew up in Saskatchewan including Indigenous students.
- Restoring rural health care by using practical nurse practitioners in their full capacity, by having clinic days in small communities, giving people especially seniors the opportunity to get general check ups and renew prescriptions, without having to travel to larger centers or cities.
- Have a more comprehensive list of specialists to aid family doctors when referring patients out.
- Utilize PCP's, ICP's and ACP's to assist in emergency rooms in trauma situations and triage.
- Reassess Doctor salaries to bring them up to comparable rates to other provinces keeping the cost of living in mind.
  - o Doctors should not have to worry about billing to get paid this is when patient time is cut short, and quality of care is reduced. By having a fixed wage doctors can focus on being doctors and care of their patients.
  - o Have a tiered pay scale for doctors based on the qualifications.