

PHARMACARE 2.0

What Canadians Are Saying

Renewed national discussion on a pan-Canadian pharmacare framework requires clear evidence for policymakers and a clear national consensus on priorities important to Canadians. The Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA), as the national voice of Canadian pharmacists, is committed to gathering this evidence and building consensus. As part of its Pharmacare 2.0 Initiative, CPhA conducted a national survey on Canadian attitudes towards pharmacare. Here is what Canadians are saying.

79% of Canadians support the idea of a pan-Canadian pharmacare program. However, they are concerned about limiting choice, administration and costs.



74%

of Canadians are concerned about replacing their current private prescription drug plan with a public plan that would have fewer choices



79%

of Canadians are concerned about increased cost to governments if patients use more prescription drugs than they do now



85%

of Canadians are concerned about the ability of governments to administer the plan efficiently and effectively



79%

of Canadians are satisfied with their current prescription drug plan

Canadians strongly support pharmacists and pharmacy services as part of a pan-Canadian pharmacare program.



78%

want a pan-Canadian pharmacare program to cover the professional fees and services provided by pharmacists to dispense, monitor and counsel patients on effective drug use



77%

want a pan-Canadian pharmacare program to cover other health advice and professional services provided by pharmacists, such as vaccines, smoking cessation services, medication reviews and screening for medical conditions, such as diabetes

A plurality of Canadians support a pan-Canadian pharmacare program that targets those without an existing public or private plan.



31%

of Canadians believe pharmacare should cover all Canadians and replace all existing government and private insurance plans



46%

believe pharmacare should only cover those Canadians who are not currently covered through some other existing government or private plan



23%

believe pharmacare should only focus on those Canadians facing extreme circumstances (e.g. catastrophic drug coverage; covering expensive drugs for rare diseases)