



## News Release

### The BCCFP calls upon provincial leaders to focus more on health care

(May 2, 2017, Vancouver, BC) The British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) is pleased to release the report card, [\*The Role of the British Columbia Government in Health Care\*](#). As British Columbians prepare to head to the polls this month, the BCCFP's new publication offers a family medicine perspective on health issues that matter the most.

The report card evaluates the current provincial government's performance in terms of its health care policies, and also grades platforms of the larger parties on five indicators of importance to family medicine.

The five principal areas of health care that are assessed in the report card are:

- A family doctor for every British Columbian
- Mental health and addiction
- Indigenous health
- Rural and remote care
- Support for the [Patient's Medical Home \(PMH\)](#)

The report card uses a colour-coding system to grade the parties' actions and positions related to each of the five indicators. The grades for the current government are based on past performance, while the grades of the other parties are based on the platform feedback we received.

"As the provincial voice for family medicine in British Columbia, the BCCFP would like to see the provincial government play a stronger leadership role in ensuring timely, equitable access to the highest quality of care for all British Columbians," states BCCFP's President, Christie Newton, MD, CCFP, FCFP. "The BCCFP encourages all voters to utilize this valuable resource as they prepare to cast their votes in this upcoming provincial election."

#### About the British College of Family Physicians

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is the national professional organization responsible for establishing standards for the training, certification, and lifelong education of family physicians in Canada. The British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) is a provincial chapter of the CFPC. The BCCFP is dedicated to enabling our 5,300 members to provide the highest quality of medical care to all British Columbians. The CFPC and BCCFP provide quality services; promote high quality continuing education for family physicians; support family medicine teaching and research; and advocate on behalf of family physicians and the specialty of family medicine.

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