

The Facts Behind Our Healthcare Crisis:

ONE IN FIVE

**Alberta family doctors
may have to
close their clinics.**

WHAT ABOUT YOURS?

The reality for healthcare in Alberta is concerning and the essential services family doctors provide is in jeopardy. The need to invest in these vital clinics is urgent to ensure continued access to healthcare for Albertans.

A third of Alberta's physicians are considering stepping away from their practices due to the looming crisis in our healthcare system. This will cause a huge cap in patient care and access to medical services.

**ONE IN
THREE**

**Alberta family doctors
are considering an
early retirement.**

90%

**of Alberta family doctors
are concerned about the
financial viability of
their practices.**

A striking 90% of family doctors are worried about the financial situation of their practices. Our healthcare system and family doctor practices are hanging on by a thread.

Long wait times? Reduced access for patients? This is the realism of Alberta's current challenged healthcare system. It's clear that action needs to be taken to ensure that patients receive the timely and effective healthcare they deserve.

32%

**of Alberta family doctors
are considering
reducing operating hours
of their practices**

Source: 2024 ThinkHQ Family Practice Viability Study and www.patientsfirst.ca





Putting Patients First Campaign



The Smoky Lake Physicians & Health Care Professionals Committee made a motion to implement a campaign for all members of the public to urge the Provincial Government and Regional Health Authority in taking action to remove the red tape hindering the attraction and retention of physicians affecting the George McDougall Health Care Centre's Emergency Room Services and Medical Clinics in the Smoky Lake Region.

Albertans need more family and rural (generalist) physicians, providing comprehensive care from a patient's birth to end of life. Alberta has fallen behind other provinces in the international competition for physicians. Alberta's family and rural generalist doctors provided proposals to the government about what it will take to save small clinics that are on the brink of failure. These changes can make Alberta a place where doctors, resident physicians and medical students are eager to come once again.

Join the thousands of Albertans who are working towards a better Alberta! Within a few simple steps , an email is sent straight to your MLA. To join the movement, complete the steps below:

1. Visit the Patients First website at www.patientsfirst.ca
2. Enter your name, email, and postal code.
3. Check the consent privacy policy box.
4. Click next step.
5. A generated email template will be provided with the option to customize as you see fit.
6. Click Send! And you are all done!

Together, let's seize this opportunity to create a stronger Alberta, ensuring a better future for health care and the well-being of all its residents.

Are you concerned about access to family doctors in Alberta? You're not alone.



There is a healthcare crisis in Alberta, and we need your help to keep putting Patients First.