



Federal Election 2021

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In the lead-up to the September 20, 2021 Federal Election, NNPBC knows that nurses around the province want to understand their key election issues and campaign priorities, and to ensure that those running for office understand the nursing perspective. NNPBC has put together a number of tools to strengthen the voice of nurses in this important aspect of health and public policymaking.

Background

Based on information shared by nurses during through our website, advisory tables, issues meetings, issues report forms, through our social media platforms, contact via email and during many ZOOM meetings, NNPBC has compiled a list of issues that we want all of those who seek public office to think about from a nursing perspective. Your voice is your power, and by bringing issues to wider attention during the campaign period you will have set the stage for ongoing strategic partnerships and actions. Contact us if you think there are issues we may have inadvertently missed, or you have background material on any priority issues that nurses may want to speak to in their community conversations.

Key Health Issues for the 2021 Federal Election

In no order of priority:

- Indigenous Health & Reconciliation
- COVID 19 Recovery & Ongoing Management
- Racism and its impact on care
- Health System Capacity
- Overdose Crisis
- Nursing Retention and Shortages
- Climate Change
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Rebuilding a Robust Capacity for Public Health
- Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) legislative changes
- The need for a Chief Nursing Officer

Key Messages

- Nurses recognize that the issues they and their patients face on a daily basis need to be brought forward to public officials and decision makers as they make plans beyond the September 2021 election.
- Nurses are a strong voice with unique knowledge and skills to help system planners move forward after the election.
- All candidates should have opportunities to hear from nurses in their constituencies, and to be reminded of the expert advice nurses can provide.

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