

NDP Response: Arthritis Consumer Experts

1. Will your government increase funding to the Canadian Health Transfer to address higher health care costs associated with an elderly population?

Decades of Conservative and Liberal cuts and inaction have left too many Canadians digging deep into their pockets to pay for extended health care services.

This hurts elderly Canadians who are on multiple medications and need pricy dental care (like dentures). Both are expensive health care expenses that make life unaffordable, especially for elderly Canadians on fixed incomes.

The Trudeau Liberals say pretty words to get elected but turn their backs on Canadians when in government. They've now spent four years saying they'll think about considering a pharmacare plan while hosting 875 closed door meetings with pharmaceutical companies.

The Scheer Conservatives have ruled out pharmacare – saying that they rather leave it up to private insurers to help Canadians.

It's time that Canadians have a federal government that's in it for them.

Jagmeet Singh and the NDP have a bold vision to provide Canadians with head to toe coverage.

Affordable health care is our top priority – this is why we're making a historic investment in universal pharmacare and dental care.

An NDP government will introduce national standards for long-term care and home care so that elderly Canadians will receive quality care regardless of their postal code or income level.

2. Does your party think standardized model of care is necessary? If so, what should the key component of this model be?

New Democrats believe that Canadians should receive high quality care wherever they live. We will establish care standards.

As part of this effort, we will create a basket of home care services. This is especially important for people living with chronic conditions who may receive home care support.

3. Will your party support legislation in support of flexible work arrangements for workers living with arthritis and other chronic diseases?

The Scheer Conservatives and Trudeau Liberals do not stand up for labour rights.

The provincial Conservative governments that are propping up Andrew Scheer are attacking labour rights.

Justin Trudeau and the Liberals promised to stand up for labour rights but broke their promise once in government by legislating postal services workers back to work.

New Democrats know that we can do better for all workers. That's why we're fighting for a fair deal for workers. We believe that no one should be left behind because their chronic illness means they need a flexible work arrangement.

We will work with provinces and workers who have arthritis or other chronic health conditions to help protect their rights and provide flexible work arrangements.