The Principles and Strategic Direction for a New Health Care System for Canada

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Overview

- Reframing sustainability
- Principles to Guide Health Care Transformation in Canada
- Hearing from Canadians on what kind of health system they want
- Exploring options on how to govern and fund our desired system
- Emerging themes from today
- Going forward
Reframe Sustainability

- Sustainability debate has focused only on financing

- Need to sustain:
  Universal access to quality patient-centred care that is adequately resourced and delivered along the full continuum in a timely and cost-effective manner.

- Several dimensions to sustainability:
  - infrastructure, quality/outcomes, health promotion/disease prevention, governance/management, public finance
Principles to guide Health Care Transformation (Organized under IHI Triple Aim Framework)

Enhance the patient experience
- Patient-centred
- Quality health care

Improve population health
- Health Promotion and Illness Prevention
- Equitable

Value for money
- Sustainable
- Accountable
National Dialogue with Canadians: We heard support for…

- A publicly funded health care system
- Expanded scope of the CHA
- A strong federal role – equality
- Accountability mechanisms
- Innovation, efficiencies
- Dealing with the bigger picture
  - social determinants of health
Advisory Panel on Resource Options for Sustainable Health Care in Canada

- 6-member panel established to advise CMA
- Mandate to identify options for resourcing health care system on a sustainable basis
- High-level directional plan that includes governance considerations
  - e.g., accountability and national standards, regional governance
- Report released in July
Advisory Panel Observations

- Health care system could be better for the money spent
- Inequities in access; other countries do better in providing access to broader range of services
- Need to clarify and separate the management and governance of health care system
- Need for greater integration of physicians and other components of health care system
Advisory Panel Recommendations

- Consider ways to fund services along continuum of care
- Develop innovative payment systems to improve patient outcomes
- Recognize value of provider competition that supports quality, transparency, accountability and accessibility
- Advocate for less government micro-management
- Support services addressing other determinants of health
Smarter Caring for a Healthier Canada: Embracing System Innovation

- Emerging themes from today
- Keynote
- Panels
  - Equity
  - Efficiency
  - Sustainability
  - Community
Smarter Caring for a Healthier Canada: Embracing System Innovation

- Next Steps – Moving the agenda forward
Looking ahead to 2014

- Predictable funding – federal transfers
- Address continuum of care
  - prescription drugs and continuing care
- Focal point for exchange of innovative practices
- Meaningful accountability
  - national framework for reporting on performance to Canadians
“… we do want to sit down with the provinces as we renegotiate the Health Accord to see how we can ensure we get better and clearer results and outcomes for the dollars that we're all spending.”

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

CBC, May 3, 2011
Transformational Opportunities

- Taxpayers
- Patients
- Citizens

Accountability