

1. How does your party plan to improve access to care in New Brunswick?

Today, 180,000 New Brunswickers do not have access to primary care in New Brunswick, putting additional pressure on our understaffed emergency rooms and pushing our healthcare workers to the point of burnout. Improving access to care is a priority for the Holt government. Our plan to establish at least 30 community care clinics will make primary care more accessible to all New Brunswickers.

Community care clinics will offer the team-based approach that healthcare professionals have been asking for, bringing NPs, RNs, family doctors, mental health professionals, dieticians and other healthcare providers under one roof in order to meet the diverse needs of patients and ensure patients receive comprehensive care from the right professional at the right time.

2. How will your party improve recruitment and retention of both RNs and NPs in New Brunswick?

Our healthcare system is only still standing today thanks to the tireless work of our healthcare professionals. Over the past six years, healthcare providers, especially nurses, have been disrespected and undervalued. A Holt government is committed to caring for the people who are caring for our communities and to implement a multi-pronged retention and recruitment plan that will improve the working conditions of our healthcare professionals, prioritize support for their wellness, look towards training and implement innovative approaches to recruit healthcare professionals including nurses, in collaboration with communities and experts. In addition, we will immediately deliver retention payments to nurses to show our respect for the important work that they do, and we will leverage existing healthcare knowledge by working with regulators to improve foreign credential recognition for nurses and other healthcare professionals already in the province. We will also review and expand the scope of practice of healthcare providers, including NPs and RNs, allowing them to contribute to the fullest extent of their training.

3. How does your party intend to work collaboratively with health partners to remove barriers and transform health care delivery in New Brunswick?

Transforming healthcare delivery requires strong collaboration among all stakeholders. We have demonstrated our commitment to transparency, partnership and co-creation over the past two years in opposition and we will continue to have the same approach in government. A Holt government will ensure policy decisions are informed by those on the frontlines of care. We will engage with representatives from nursing associations, healthcare unions, physicians, allied health professionals and community organizations regularly to discuss barriers and develop solutions. The firsthand experience of nurses and others on the frontlines is invaluable in ensuring that our policies and investments address the practical realities of healthcare delivery.



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4. How does your party envision optimizing the use of technology and innovation to deliver health care in New Brunswick?

We strongly believe in harnessing the power of technology and innovation to improve healthcare delivery as well as the experience of the healthcare workers in our system. We will invest in the expansion and integration of electronic health records across all health institutions, allowing for seamless communication and information sharing between healthcare providers and improving patient care coordination across regions, regional health authorities and community care clinics. Our modern technology investments will also include centralized waitlists, making it easier for patients and providers to manage appointments overall.

