



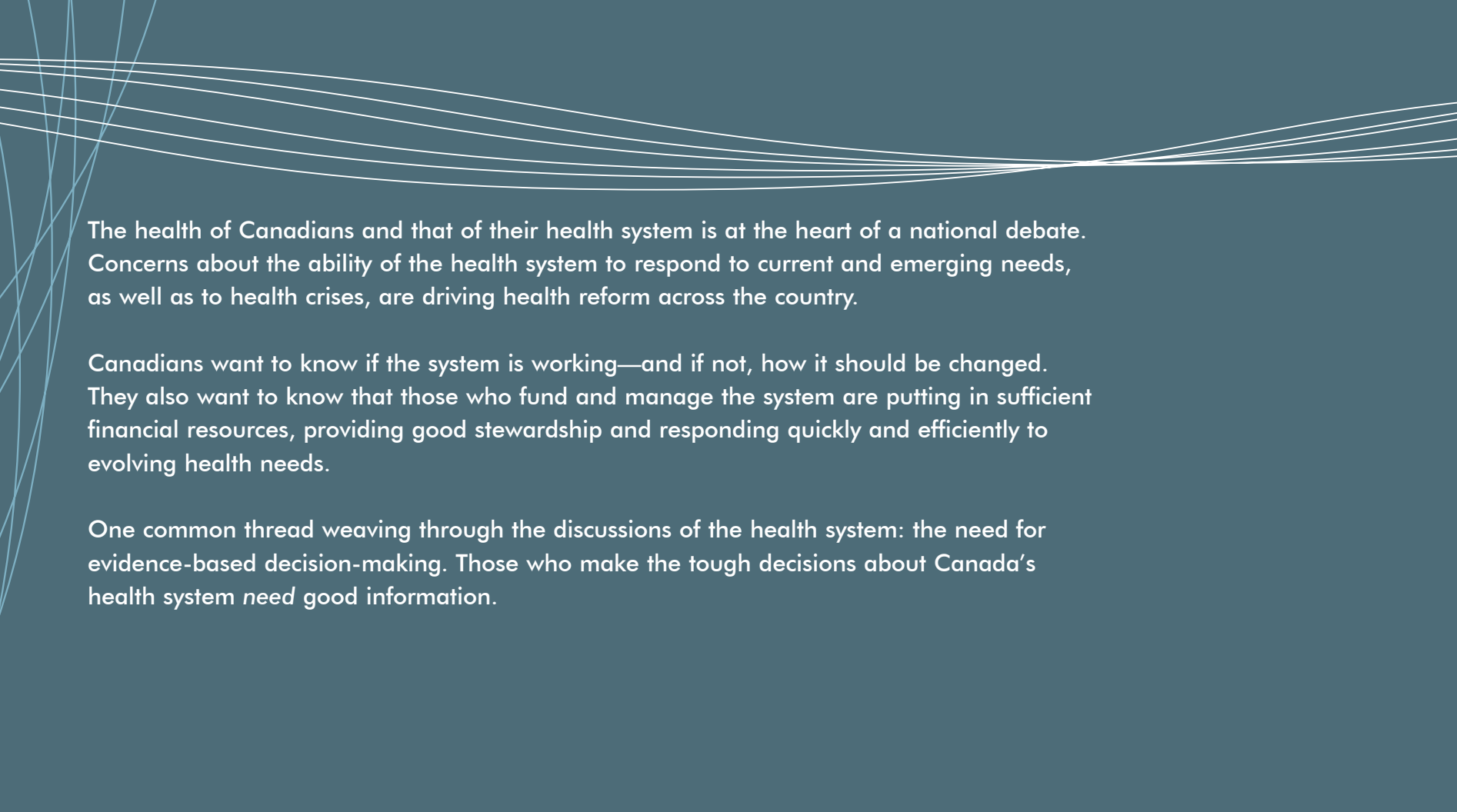
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The health of Canadians and that of their health system is at the heart of a national debate. Concerns about the ability of the health system to respond to current and emerging needs, as well as to health crises, are driving health reform across the country.

Canadians want to know if the system is working—and if not, how it should be changed. They also want to know that those who fund and manage the system are putting in sufficient financial resources, providing good stewardship and responding quickly and efficiently to evolving health needs.

One common thread weaving through the discussions of the health system: the need for evidence-based decision-making. Those who make the tough decisions about Canada's health system *need* good information.

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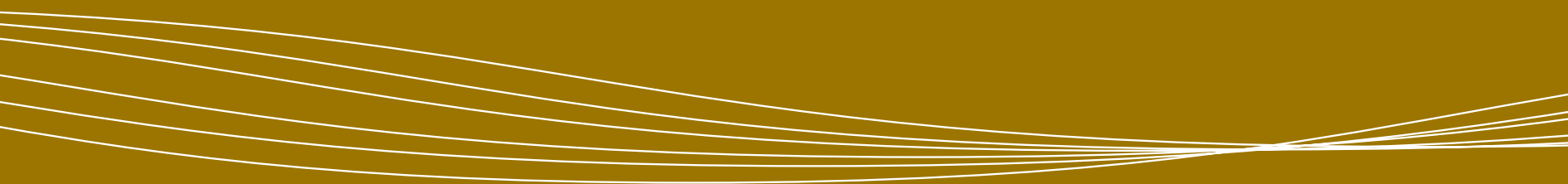
The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is one of Canada's premium sources of high-quality, reliable and timely health information. More and more, Canadians are turning to CIHI for information they can trust.

CIHI is a not-for-profit, pan-Canadian organization governed by a strong and active 16-member board of directors whose membership strikes a balance among the health sectors and regions of Canada.

The key to CIHI's achievements is partnership. CIHI is a focal point for collaboration among major health players—from provincial governments, regional health authorities and hospitals to the federal government, researchers and associations representing health care professionals. The result of this cooperative effort is a strong and responsive health information system.

Playing an Instrumental Role

CIHI provides Canadians with essential statistics and analysis about their health and their health care system. Over the past 10 years, we have grown into an indispensable source of information for health care managers, researchers, policy-makers and members of the public seeking answers to critical questions around the delivery of health care. Is the health system training enough health care professionals and is it making optimal use of their skills? Are Canadians getting reasonable access to the health services they need? Are we investing in the right resources and equipment?



Informing Public Policy

CIHI influences the development of policy and regulations that impact the health of Canadians.

Supporting Health Care Management

CIHI generates information that helps hospitals and regional, provincial, territorial and federal health authorities make decisions to ensure optimal use of resources and improve health outcomes.

Building Public Awareness

CIHI teaches Canadians more about themselves—who is healthy, who is not—and what factors affect their health.

Filling Health Information Gaps

When CIHI first opened its doors in 1994, health information gaps in Canada were considerable. While there has been great progress, gaps still exist. CIHI is helping narrow these gaps, one product and service at a time.

Health Standards

Leading the Way in Standardizing
Quality Health Information

Standards create comparability and consistency in data collection. They also provide a common framework for information-sharing, data analysis and reporting. CIHI is becoming an international leader in the development and adoption of health information standards.

Health Data

Delivering Premium Statistics
and Health Information

CIHI's data holdings are a unique source of comparative national data. CIHI collects data for more than 20 national and provincial data holdings in three areas: *health services*, *health professionals* and *health spending*. The newest data holdings respond to a demand for information on the whole spectrum of health care—from acute care to continuing care, home care, mental health and rehabilitation. Most of these data holdings are readily accessible on the CIHI Web site, in comprehensive statistical and analytical reports and Quick Stats.

Health Research and Analysis


Building Our Knowledge of the Health System and the Health of Canadians

CIHI takes its statistics one step further by providing indicators and reports on topics of growing relevance to the health of Canadians and to the health care system. Analysis of the latest health information offers a broad perspective on the national dialogue on health. Examining such issues as the full range of maternity health care services helps Canadians understand the health system beyond acute care. CIHI also looks at other factors that determine the health of Canadians and their communities, such as income. By supporting population health research, CIHI promotes dialogue between decision-makers and communities, and builds on knowledge of issues underlying the emerging public health challenges.

Promising Quality and Security

CIHI produces reliable data and information that meets the following criteria: it must be accurate, comparable, timely, useable and relevant. This process is a collaborative effort, involving a broad network of groups and individuals who provide us with data.

We honour the security and confidentiality of our data partners. CIHI pays careful attention to issues of privacy and confidentiality to maintain public trust and to comply with new legislation and current best practices. When clients use our products, they need to know that their personal data is safe. CIHI does not disclose, give or sell information about its clients.



Offering Value and Support

At CIHI, our work is challenging and constantly evolving. We move quickly to adapt to the emerging health information needs of Canadians and of the health system. Our highly skilled and dedicated staff takes great pride in the reputation we've built, our role in the pan-Canadian dialogue about health and health care and our leadership in the development of new health information systems.

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