



Dear Candidate

One in three British Columbians are living with one or more diagnosed chronic conditions, and a further two per cent of the population is living with four to six chronic conditions. While people with chronic conditions account for thirty-four per cent of the BC population, they consume approximately eighty per cent of the combined Medical Services Plan, PharmaCare and acute care budgets and fifty-two per cent of the total economic burden of illness.* Equal, reimbursed access to the right medication at the right time and for the right length of time is a key component of successful chronic disease management.

* (INVESTING IN PREVENTION: IMPROVING HEALTH AND CREATING SUSTAINABILITY o THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER'S SPECIAL REPORT 2010)

In light of these situations the Better Pharmacare Coalition, on behalf of its' more than two million patient constituents, are seeking to be informed of candidate positions on chronic disease management.

Please complete the following attached survey on these issues and return to the Better Pharmacare Coalition at the included e-mail address. We will provide your feedback on our website to inform our patient-members choices in the coming election.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt response,
Sincerely,

The member organizations of the Better Pharmacare Coalition

Arthritis Consumer's Experts, The Lung Association of B.C., Osteoporosis Canada, Save Your Skin, B.C. Schizophrenia Society, Canadian Society for Intestinal Research, Prostate Cancer Foundation of B.C., Pacific Hepatitis 'C' Network, Parkinson Society of B.C., Gastrointestinal Society, Mood Disorders Association of B.C., The Arthritis Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, Canadian PKU and Allied Disorders Inc., B.C. Coalition of Osteoporosis Physicians

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