

**PT AGENDA**  
**Health Ministers' Meeting**  
**October 17, 2016**  
*Omni King Edward Hotel*  
*Toronto, Ontario*

**October 16, 2016**

**Opening Reception** **6:30 – 8:00 PM**  
*Location: Palm Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

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**October 17, 2016**

<b>PT Private Ministers Breakfast</b> <i>Location: Belgravia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>	<b>7:45 – 8:45 AM</b>
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<b>Delegates Breakfast</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	<b>7:45 – 8:45 AM</b>
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**1. Opening Remarks (ON)** **9:00 – 9:10 PM**  
*Location: Sovereign Ballroom, Main Floor*

**2. Meeting with Ministers of Finance (ON/YK/AB)** **9:10 – 10:15 AM**  
*Decision Item*

- A. Receive and accept report that highlights evidence of the need for increased federal investment in health
- B. Receive an update on the next stage of the COF-mandated work to provide Premiers with “options to secure an immediate increase in funding through the CHT”
- C. Review and accept common messaging and next steps, including a joint-minister communiqué focusing on federal health funding

**3. Indigenous Health (AB/YK)** **10:15 – 10:45 AM**

- Discuss engagement with Health Canada regarding Indigenous Health concerns
- Approve key messages for the FPT Health Ministers' Meeting

<b>Break</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	<b>10:45 – 11:00 AM</b>
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**4. Pharmaceuticals (ON/BC)** **11:00 – 12:00 PM**  
*Discussion Item*

- Expensive Drugs for Rare Diseases
- Provide update to Ministers on potential opportunities to expand access including through the pCPA and the National Generic Tiered Pricing Framework

**5. Initial Review of PT Communiqué** **12:00 – 12:15 PM**

<b>PT Private Ministers Lunch</b> <i>Location: Belgravia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>	<b>12:15 – 1:15 PM</b>
<b>Delegates' Lunch</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	<b>12:15 – 1:15 PM</b>

**6. Report out from Private Lunch (ON)** **1:15 – 1:25 PM**

**7. Health Care Innovation Working Group (YK/ON)** **1:25 – 1:45 PM**  
*Discussion Item*

- Discuss the renewed HCIWG mandate that will focus on using technology and innovation to improve affordability, predictability and patient care

**8. Mental Health and Addictions** **1:45 – 2:20 PM**  
*Discussion Item*

- A. Discuss Update on the development of a “How To” Guide on integrated service delivery for Youth and Young Adults (BC)
- B. Discuss PT approaches to increasing access to structured psychotherapy and supportive housing (ON)

<b>Break</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	<b>2:20 – 2:35 PM</b>
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**9. Review and Approve PT Communiqué** **2:35 – 2:45 PM**

**10. Meeting Summary, Next Steps and Closing Remarks (ON)** **2:45 – 3:00 PM**

<b>Paper Information Items</b>
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**11. Interprovincial Health Coverage (SK/ON)**  
*Information Item*

- Status update on Interprovincial Health Coverage

*PT Meeting Adjourned*

- **PT Press Conference** **3:30 – 4:00 PM**  
*Location: Windsor C, Lower Level*

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## CONFERENCE OF F/P/T MINISTERS OF HEALTH

October 17-18, 2016  
Omni King Edward Hotel  
Toronto, Ontario

### Monday, October 17, 2016

<b>Reception</b> <i>Location: Royal Ontario Museum – Currelly Gallery (Main Floor)</i>	6:00 – 7:00 PM
<b>Private F/P/T Ministers' Dinner</b> <i>Location: Royal Ontario Museum – Eaton Court (Third Floor)</i>	7:00 – 9:00 PM
<b>Delegates Dinner</b> <i>Location: Royal Ontario Museum – Currelly Gallery (Main Floor)</i>	7:00 – 9:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 18, 2016

<b>F/P/T Ministers' Private Breakfast</b> <i>Location: Belgravia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>	7:15 – 8:30 AM
<b>Delegates' Breakfast</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	7:15 – 8:30 AM
<b>Meeting with National Indigenous Organizations</b> <i>Location: Sovereign Ballroom, Main Floor</i>	8:30 – 10:30 AM
<b>Break</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	10:30 – 10:45 AM

*~ FPT Conference Commences ~*  
*Location: Sovereign Ballroom, Main Floor*

- 1. Opening Remarks (ON/CAN)** 10:45 – 11:00 AM  
*Report out of Private discussions and meeting with National Indigenous Organizations*
  - 2. Update on the Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation (CAN)** 11:00 – 11:30 AM  
*Ministers will receive an update on the work of the Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation and discuss progress made on proposal for the delivery of legalized, restricted and regulated marijuana.*
  - 3. Health Accord (CAN) – For information** 11:30 – 12:10 PM
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| <b>FPT Private Lunch – Ministers</b><br><i>Location: Belgravia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i> | 12:10 – 1:15 PM |
| <b>Delegates' Lunch</b><br><i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>                     | 12:10 – 1:15 PM |
- 4. [Report Out from Private Lunch (ON/CAN)]** 1:15 – 1:20 PM

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| 5. Initial review of communications key messages | 1:20 – 1:30 PM |
| 6. FPT Pharmaceuticals Working Group (ON/CAN)    | 1:30 – 2:00 PM |

*Ministers will receive an update on ongoing pharmaceuticals work.*

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| 7. Opioids (ON/CAN) | 2:00 – 2:20 PM |
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*Ministers will discuss F/P/T approaches to address opioid abuse and receive an update on the November 2016 Opioid Summit.*

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| 8. Medical Assistance in Dying (ON/CAN) | 2:20 – 2:40 PM |
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*Ministers will discuss collaborative work and experiences related to the implementation of the legislation*

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| 9. Public Communications Finalization (ON/CAN) | 2:40 – 3:00 PM |
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| 10. Meeting Summary, Next Steps and Closing Remarks (ON/CAN) | 3:00 – 3:10 PM |
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<b>Break</b> <i>Location: Lobby Lounge, Main Floor</i>	<b>3:10 – 3:30 PM</b>
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~ F/P/T CONFERENCE ADJOURNED ~

FPT Press Conference <i>Location: Windsor Ballroom B, Lower Level</i>	3:30 – 4:00 PM
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**Paper Information Items**

11. Public Health Priorities and Health Promotion: Public Health Network Updates (NS/CAN)
  12. Public Health Priorities and Health Promotion: Federal Updates (CAN)
  13. Joint Consortium on School Health – 2016 Annual Report (PEI)
  14. Cancer Drug Funding and Sustainability Framework – Update (BC)
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# **Conferences — Conference of Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Health — COMMUNIQUE - Finance and Health Ministers Seek Funding Partnership with the Federal Government**

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## **COMMUNIQUE - Finance and Health Ministers Seek Funding Partnership with the Federal Government**

Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Finance and Health agreed that a funding partnership is needed in sustaining and transforming Canada's health care systems to address the needs of patients and their families now and in the future – and that this partnership starts with a federal government that is willing to work with all jurisdictions.

The health funding partnership has weakened since the early days of Medicare. The federal share of provincial-territorial health spending is down from historical levels of funding and is projected to decline steadily over the longer term – particularly given the impending cut to the Canada Health Transfer (CHT) escalator, which has been in place since the 2004 Health Accord was signed.

Based on this unilateral federal decision made in 2011, the rate of CHT funding growth will be cut from 6 per cent to a new floor of 3 per cent beginning next year. The negative budgetary impact for all provinces and territories will be over \$1 billion in the first year alone, and this figure is projected to increase to a cumulative impact of over \$60 billion over the next ten years. This will put pressure on provincial-territorial health systems stability and long-term sustainability.

Today, Health and Finance Ministers from across Canada took the step to meet and discuss this important issue, and focus on a collaborative way forward.

We will continue to work together and report to Canada's Premiers who have, in the spirit of cooperation and reflecting the importance of this issue to Canadians, requested a specific meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau to discuss sustainable long-term health care financing before mid-December.

Finance Ministers and Health Ministers re-iterated Premiers call to the Prime Minister to hold a First Ministers' Meeting on health care sustainability and to reach a long-term agreement on health care funding.

Provincial and territorial Finance and Health Ministers strongly support the call by Canada's Premiers not to reduce the growth rate in the CHT before it can be considered by First Ministers. If a meeting is not possible within the proposed timeframe, the federal government should postpone the currently scheduled changes to the CHT escalator to provide an opportunity to reach a long-term funding agreement that reflects the needs of Canadians and is respectful of provincial-territorial jurisdiction.

# **Conferences — Conference of Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Health — COMMUNIQUE - Provincial and Territorial Health Ministers Focus on Strengthening Health Care for All Canadians**

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## **COMMUNIQUE - Provincial and Territorial Health Ministers Focus on Strengthening Health Care for All Canadians**

**NEWS** - October 17, 2016

During a meeting today in Toronto, Ontario, the provincial and territorial health ministers discussed several key areas of work including mental health services, Indigenous health care, improving the affordability and accessibility of pharmaceutical drugs, and exploring how to use health care innovation to make accessing health care easier for all Canadians.

Provincial and territorial Health ministers were joined by their provincial and territorial finance ministers for a discussion on the long-term financial sustainability of health care for all Canadians.

"Provincial and territorial ministers are united in their commitment to strengthen health care for Canadians in the face of emerging challenges," said Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ontario's Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, who chaired the meeting. "As we approach the 50th anniversary of Medicare and renew our commitment to publicly funded health care, we must ensure that we are making all the efforts needed to address evolving issues, including access to mental health services."

### **Provincial and Territorial Health and Finance Ministers' Discussion**

Provincial and territorial governments are responsible for the health care systems in Canada and for providing health care to Canadians. It is the single largest component of every provincial and territorial budget representing upwards of 40 per cent of their respective annual expenditures. When Medicare started it was an equal funding partnership. Provinces currently fund nearly 80 per cent of government expenditures on health care; in territories up to 90 per cent. Provinces and territories also count on transfers from the federal government to help meet the current and growing health needs of Canadians.

The Canada Health Transfer provides long-term stable and predictable funding and is an essential mechanism for ensuring the sustainability of provincial and territorial health systems. The federal reduction in the CHT escalator would result in the loss of \$60 billion over ten years. A stable financial base is the foundation for ensuring essential health care services for all Canadians. This will take into consideration health care system challenges, such as changing demographics and incidence of chronic disease.

### **Indigenous Health**

Ministers renewed their commitment to work together in partnership with Indigenous leaders in their respective jurisdictions to enhance the coordination, continuity and appropriateness of health care services for Indigenous peoples.

Ministers recognize the enormous health challenges faced by many Indigenous people and communities throughout Canada. They shared information about work underway with Indigenous organizations in their respective jurisdictions to address key regional priorities and improve health outcomes.

Provincial and territorial Ministers noted that it remains important for the federal government to fully assume its role and responsibilities for Indigenous health.

### **Pharmaceuticals**

For over six years, the provinces and territories have been pioneering work to improve the affordability, accessibility and appropriate use of prescription drugs. This includes work on brand name drugs, generic drugs, and special categories of drugs that bring forward particularly complex and difficult challenges. This work was initiated through the Health Care Innovation Working Group.

Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to work together – and with the federal government, which joined the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA) last year – to address difficult decisions, including the need to have a more consistent assessment of drug coverage and fair pricing strategies.

Ministers discussed the advantages gained through the pCPA, which has resulted in more than \$712 million in combined savings annually. A further reduction in the price of six high volume generic drugs through the Generics Bridging Strategy starting April 1, 2017 is expected to save governments an additional \$75 million next fiscal year.

Ontario offered to continue progress with the Working Group focused on improving access, affordability, and appropriateness for essential drugs for all children, reporting back to provinces and territories at their next meeting.

Québec is committed to working with provinces and territories to address the challenges of the rising cost of medications, but coverage decision remains its sole responsibility.

## **Health Care Innovation Working Group**

The mandate of the Health Care Innovation Working Group (HCIWG), created in 2012, was renewed by Canada's premiers this past summer. Today, ministers discussed its new mandate which focuses on using technology and innovation to improve affordability, predictability and patient care.

## **Mental Health and Addictions**

The health ministers reaffirmed the importance of improving care for young people who outgrow child and youth mental health and addiction services as they move into adult systems. Ministers committed to further collaborative work to foster innovative, integrated mental health and substance use services for youth and young adults.

The ministers also discussed the need to explore opportunities to further develop services for people living with mental illness and addiction.

## **Federal, Provincial and Territorial Meeting**

The provincial and territorial health ministers look forward to productive discussions tomorrow with federal health minister Jane Philpott.

Following the meeting, Alberta's Minister of Health, Sarah Hoffman, will assume the role of chair of the provincial and territorial health ministers meeting and co-chair of the federal, provincial and territorial health ministers meeting.

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