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caring heals



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“Are Children Waiting Too Long”

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Are Children Waiting Too Long

- Many Definitional Issues
 - “Wait Time”
 - Benchmarks
 - Access Targets



Are Children Waiting Too Long

- First Minister's Accord
 - 5.5 Billion \$ - Wait Times
 - 41.0 Billion \$ - Health Care



Are Children Waiting Too Long

- Priority Areas
 - Cardiac
 - Cancer
 - Diagnostic Imaging
 - Joint Replacement
 - Sight Restoration
- Children not excluded but no specific recognition of children



Are Children Waiting Too Long

- Unique Features of Children
 - Vulnerable
 - Illness Stresses on Development
 - Family Stresses and Infant/Child Supports
 - Financial Stresses on Families
 - Windows for Intervention



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Process Leads to Outcome



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Evidence Based

- Ongoing Research



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How We Do Business

- Single Lists
- 1st Available Slot Assignments
- Navigation Roles
- Training Health Workers



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Information Technology

- Registries
- Electronic Medical Record (EMR)
- Electronic Health Record (EHR)



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Professional Roles

- Professional Responsibility
- “Service Based” Culture
- Appropriateness
- Standard of Care



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Public Engagement

- Chaouilli
- Wait Time Guarantees
- Misconceptions being Addressed



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How Do We Move Forward?



How Do We Move Forward?

- Accept Change As A Positive Feature To Our Environment



How Do We Move Forward?

- Cede Autonomy For Accountability In Caring For Children



How Do We Move Forward?

- Place Children And Their Families At The Centre Of Everything We Do



How Do We Move Forward?

- Don't Always Expect More Money



How Do We Move Forward?

- Imagine How To Change The Way We Do Business



How Do We Move Forward?

- Children Have Needs
 - Define Them
 - Defend Them



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- Don't Use Children For "Our Ends"
 - It Is Exploitive
 - It Is Undermining Our Goals
 - It Is Seen As Self-Serving
 - It Is Not Helpful



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- National Strategy Children's Access To Services