



Extended Healthcare
Professionals Coalition



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David O'Toole
President and CEO
Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI)

Dear Mr. O'Toole

Re: Health workforce in Canada: Overview

As members of the Extended Healthcare Professionals Coalition (EHPC), we are writing regarding the recent announcement that the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has planned to temporarily pause the annual Health Workforce in Canada: Overview Data Release.

The EHPC is a coalition of organizations representing Canada's Audiologists, Chiropractors, Dental Hygienists, Dentists, Denturists, Dietitians, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Psychologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Social Workers. As regulated professions, our practitioners play a vital role as part of every Canadian's healthcare team and ensure timely access to the treatment needed. Our coalition works to ensure health services provided in the public and private sectors are fully recognized by stakeholders and decision-makers and are accessible to the Canadian public.

Our associations highly value the annual workforce data collected by CIHI. This is a critical time in the health workforce for ALL healthcare workers in Canada and this data is a key component of our workforce planning initiatives. We were very disappointed and concerned with the announcement to pause this important data collection report. Can you please elaborate on the rationale for this "pause" and if there are ways in which our associations can assist CIHI, perhaps in better formulating workforce indicators for Canada's very different private sector health care. We would appreciate the opportunity for further dialogue to support CIHI's ongoing data collection and reporting work.

Sincerely,

Ondina Love, CAE
Chair
Extended Healthcare Professionals Coalition



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About the Extended Healthcare Professionals Coalition (EHPC)

EHPC aims to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians; promote excellence and innovation in health research and practice and promote the advancement, development, dissemination and application of knowledge that advances health, social services and well-being for Canadians.

Our membership includes:

- Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists
- Canadian Association of Optometrists
- Canadian Association of Social Workers
- Canadian Chiropractic Association
- Canadian Dental Association
- Canadian Dental Hygienists Association
- Canadian Pharmacists Association
- Canadian Physiotherapy Association
- Canadian Psychological Association
- Denturist Association of Canada
- Dietitians of Canada
- Speech-Language & Audiology Canada

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