

## QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Wait times in BC for hip and knee replacement surgeries, while have improved since 2017, unfortunately, are still below the national average. We would like to know how concerned you are by the current waitlists.

On a scale of 1 to 5 – with 1 being not very concerned, and 5 representing very concerned – how would you describe your concern about BC’s wait times?

(Please circle the applicable response.)

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2. The following are three options to address BC’s long wait times for orthopedic surgery. Please describe which one best represents your thoughts. (Check the appropriate response.)

- The BC government should allocate additional funds to reduce wait times \_\_\_\_\_.

- BC should examine a variety of measures, including physiotherapy ‘triage,’ to reduce wait times before spending additional financial resources \_\_\_\_\_.

- The BC should do nothing about the issue because it is not a concern \_\_\_\_\_.

3. With regards to seniors, BC’s Seniors’ Advocate, Isobel Mackenzie, released a report in November 2016 which stated that “physical therapy is critical in keeping seniors as mobile and active as possible, for as long as possible.” [Source: Office of the Seniors Advocate.](#)

Yet, Seniors Advocate said only 11 percent of British Columbians living in residential care had received physical therapy from 2018-2019. [Source: Office of the Seniors Advocate.](#)

Do you support an increase in the provision of physiotherapy for BC seniors living in residential care?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_.

No \_\_\_\_\_.

Not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The current government has been implementing Primary Care around the province. And, as mentioned earlier, staffing enough healthcare workers has been a challenge. Very few [Primary Care Networks](#) have physiotherapists as part of their network. We'd like to see physiotherapists be a part of all Primary Care Networks as the experts in musculoskeletal health.

Suppose you are elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly on October 24th. How supportive would you be of policies intended to increase the use of physiotherapists working as members of multidisciplinary Primary Care teams?

(Please circle the applicable response.)

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5. Would you be supportive of a hybrid model that used physiotherapists who are not employed in the public sector but potentially paid via MSP or an alternate agreement? This could be fulfilled in part by ensuring physiotherapists are on Primary Care Networks.

On a scale of 1 to 5 – with 1 being not very supportive, and 5 representing very supportive – how would you describe your sentiments?

(Please circle the applicable response.)

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6. The current provincial government is in favour of continuing with the [modernization of the health regulatory bodies](#) by grouping them into six categories. How likely are you to support the plans to reorganize the regulatory colleges?

On a scale of 1 to 5 – with 1 being not very supportive, and 5 representing very supportive – how would you describe your sentiments?

(Please circle the applicable response.)

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7. Chronic pain afflicts approximately one-in-every-five British Columbians, but its prevalence is greater among older people – and especially older women. One of the major reasons behind the significant use of prescription pharmaceuticals (opioids) is to treat patients suffering from chronic pain.

Would you support a greater role for physiotherapy in treating patients with chronic pain?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_.

No \_\_\_\_\_.

Not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Open-ended question: What do you believe is the best way to address the opioid crisis in BC?

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9. Would you support 'direct referral' – whereby physiotherapists could direct patients suffering from lower back pain or other musculoskeletal specific issues to a specialist instead of the current requirement for a GP to make that referral, first? This could significantly reduce healthcare costs.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_.

No \_\_\_\_\_.

Not sure \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Final question - open-ended: how would you describe your view of BC's healthcare system in general, and of physiotherapy specifically.

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Thank you very much for your time, and good luck on October 24<sup>th</sup>!

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