


ELECTIONS 2018: Summary of healthcare proposals by party

For every party, we propose at least one original idea which reflects their unique character. Not considered are relevance and effectiveness qualifications for the idea. However, the fact that the proposal is unique to each of the party's platform, indicates a certain willingness to implement it in the coming years.


Uniqueness of the platform (QLP)

- The status of innovation in healthcare technology.
- Deploying a helpline for seniors.

PARTY	PROMISES	THIRD PARTY COMMENTARY
	ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate healthcare system reform (involves funding by activity) • Open another 25 superclinics — accessible 12 hours a day, 7 days a week • A family doctor for 90% of Quebecers by end of mandate • Calls for 95% GP attendance rate over same period • Amend the Health Insurance Act to allow parents to have 2 healthcare cards per child • Allow pharmacists to administer vaccines • Continue deployment of 2000 specialized nurse practitioners and relax the rules governing their practice • Basic dental care for disadvantaged seniors and adolescents • Improve support and provide more relief to the handicapped and their families 	Fédération des médecins spécialistes du Québec (FMSQ) “Our position has been clear from the beginning of the election campaign: to show Quebecers that our agreement includes an important component focused on our commitment to patients and we firmly intend to reach our objectives.” President’s editorial on the elections: https://www.fmsq.org/en/la-fmsq/organisation/presidence/mot-de-la-presidente (English link) La Presse – Rendezvous centres: A “revolution” for patients, says the FMSQ http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/sante/201808/30/01-5194806-guichet-dacces-a-un-medecin-specialiste-une-revolution-pour-les-patients.php
	SENIORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop 1500 new accommodations in residential and long-term care centres (CHSLD) between 2018 and 2022 • Increase CHSLD resources • Deploy a helpline for seniors (Tel-Aînés) • \$200 million in annual investments in home healthcare to increase staffing • Follow up on pilot projects lowering patient/nurse ratios • Enhance the tax credit for home-support services and the Age Credit • Offer more support to family caregivers 	Fédération des médecins omnipraticiens du Québec (FMOQ) “To hit the 95% mark, patients would have to be barred from consulting elsewhere than their registered clinic, close the super clinics, forbid access to emergency rooms for certain cases, etc. It is counterproductive and in some cases absurd, The plan promotes new coercive and counterproductive threats targeting family doctors. It is so unfortunate, yet typical, that Quebec devalues family medicine and causes numerous ill effects .”
	INNOVATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote development of new telematics health services – teleconsultation and telecare • Introduce new technology and AI 	Association des infirmières praticiennes spécialisées du Québec “The Association is pleased that all political parties have voiced its requests and hopes that they will follow through to improve the quality of patient care.”
	REMUNERATION AND BUDGET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain at least 4.2% annual growth in healthcare expenses • Pressure family doctors who do not take on enough patients • Free or capped hospital and CHSLD parking costs 	La Presse – PLQ: “firmer” with physicians, 4.2% increase in Healthcare http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/elections-quebec-2018/201808/30/01-5194713-plq-plus-ferme-avec-les-medecins-hausse-de-42-a-la-sante.php


Uniqueness of the platform (CAQ)

- Senior Homes concept
- Early detection program for neurodevelopmental disorders ties in with the CAQ’s flagship measure in education
- Tackling medical overdiagnosis

	<p>ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure access to a family doctor or super nurse for all citizens within 36 hours• Increased hours of operation• Use the private sector for minor operations paid by the public system• Follow Ontario’s example in reducing the use of emergency services for minor problems• Reduce emergency waiting times <p>SENIORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement the Senior Home concept to eventually replace the CHSLDs and provide better services• Update the 2004 national homecare policy and give \$200 million in annual financing to increase CLSC staffing, for a total of \$800 million over four years <p>REMUNERATION AND BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review medical specialists’ remuneration• Review how physicians are remunerated• Increase health spending by 4.1%• End nurses’ mandatory overtime• Free or capped hospital and CHSLD parking costs <p>INNOVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early detection of neurodevelopmental disorders• Tackle overdiagnosis and unnecessary tests and treatments	<p>L’Actualité on healthcare promises https://lactualite.com/sante-et-science/2018/08/31/ca-promet-beaucoup-en-sante/</p> <p>Journal de Québec – Family doctors are fed up with the pressure exerted by party leaders who demand still more from all of them. https://www.journaldemontreal.com/2018/09/07/campagne-electorale-les-medecins-de-famille-en-ont-assez-de-subir-la-pression</p> <p>La Tribune – Physicians retort to Couillard: “We have taken on a million patients since 2014” https://www.lequotidien.com/actualites/reponse-des-medecins-a-couillard-on-a-pris-un-million-de-patients-depuis-2014-dc4b9b9d0f09e176a7943b992918f043</p> <p>La Presse – Exclusive – Medical imaging equipment is underused in Montreal, Laval and Montérégie hospitals. There are also too many unnecessary requests sent to the radiology departments, according to a Pôle santé HEC Montréal research report obtained by La Presse. http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/sante/201809/09/01-5195889-imagerie-medicale-des-appareils-sous-utilises.php</p>
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Uniqueness of the platform (PQ)

- Expand home care services by leveraging social economic enterprises
- Deploy the PAIR automated call system

	ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desegregate medical practice so that more health professionals can provide care• Expand the clinic-without-doctors model (like SABSA in Quebec) throughout all of Quebec• Expand CLSC services (7/7 and open until 9 pm)• Offer access to specialized nurses in CLSCs for minor emergencies• Ensure uninterrupted care for children with intellectual disabilities, handicaps or a disorder within the autism spectrum. This measure is estimated at \$114 million.	<p>Ici-Radio-Canada – Regarding the number one issue for Quebeckers during this election, access to healthcare, France offers an approach that seems to be proving itself. That country has far more physicians per inhabitant than Quebec, but whose salary is half that of their Quebec counterparts. https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1122923/sante-soins-france-modele-comparatif</p> <p>TVA Nouvelles – Quebeckers with inflammatory arthritis, an incurable degenerative disease, are appealing to campaigning politicians. According to the Arthritis Society, patients are not receiving adequate treatment. https://www.tvanouvelles.ca/2018/08/27/des-patients-souffrant-darthrite-laissees-pour-compte</p> <p>La Presse - Les infirmières praticiennes spécialisées du Québec, commonly known as super nurses, are among the best-trained in the country, yet also with the least power. http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/elections-quebec-2018/201808/29/01-5194677-les-super-infirmieres-interpellent-les-politiciens.php</p> <p>Communiqué : 2018 Provincial Elections - Coalition Poids calls for a consistent “mouth to fork” election campaign! https://www.newswire.ca/fr/news-releases/elections-provinciales-2018---la-coalition-poids-reclame-une-campagne-electorale-coherente-de-la-bouche-a-la-fourchette-691433241.html</p> <p>Le Soleil – Bernard Roy – professor – Nursing Sciences Université Laval - One nurse does not point to springtime! https://www.lesoleil.com/opinions/point-de-vue/une-infirmiere-ne-fait-pas-le-printemps-d4ac208b815cb37cabab416fdcd77241</p>
	SENIORS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1 billion commitment to home care• \$510 million for the employment of nurses and orderlies in CHSLDs• Allow dental hygienists to clean teeth in CHSLDs and elsewhere• Expand home care services by leveraging social economic enterprises• Support the establishment of multidisciplinary teams to encourage home care	
	REMUNERATION AND BUDGET <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freeze physician remuneration, recovering \$4 billion• 3.8% average healthcare budget increases• End physician incorporation• Invest in mental health	
	INNOVATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deploy the PAIR automated call system throughout Quebec	

Uniqueness of the platform¹ (QS)

- Create a body for high-level concerted action favouring health

	<p>ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental care: 100% reimbursement for minors• 80% reimbursement for cleanings and preventive care for people 18 and over• 60% reimbursement for curative care (cavities, amalgam, extractions, acrylic), orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, dentures, bridges and crowns for persons 18 and over• Transform the conception of medicine• Create a body for high-level concerted action favouring health• Develop a strong first line <p>SENIORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free dental care <p>INNOVATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create Pharma Québec - Nationalizing the pharmaceutical sector• Allow Pharma-Québec to produce drugs to offset stock-outs• Pharmaceutical innovation hub (research and development): Pharma-Québec will invest in the R&D of new pharmaceutical products in partnership with Quebec universities, which have already made many new discoveries	<p>La Presse – Manon Massé la fée des dents – (“Manon Massé, the Tooth Fairy”) The “deluxe” concept varies widely in Quebec. For some, it means being able to buy the car of your dreams. For others, eating out. And for others... a visit to the dentist. http://www.lapresse.ca/debats/editoriaux/alexandre-sirois/201808/28/01-5194552-manon-masse-fee-des-dents.php</p> <p>Radio-Canada - Québec solidaire wants to review how physicians are remunerated - https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1120680/quebec-solidaire-sante-medecins-specialistes-remuneration</p>
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¹ Creating Pharma Québec may be considered unique by our criteria, though it has been in Québec solidaire’s platform since 2012