

## Andrew Scheer to invest \$1.5 billion to replace and add new medical imaging equipment

Justin Trudeau said he would balance the budget. Instead, his poor judgement and out-of-control spending has led to massive debt and deficits that put Canada's important health and social programs at risk.

According to a recent report by the [Conference Board of Canada](#), Canada's stock of MRI and CT machines is aging, supply is not keeping up with demand, and wait times for life-saving diagnostic tests exceed the wait-time recommendation from the Canadian Association of Radiologists.

A new Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer will live within its means. Canada's Conservatives will invest in the health care system for the long term. Andrew Scheer has guaranteed to maintain and increase the funding formula for [the Canada Health Transfer and the Canada Social Transfer](#).

### THE ISSUE

- The Trudeau Liberals have put our vital programs and services at risk. His debt and deficits threaten access to the health and social programs all Canadians depend on.
- Canada's population is both growing and rapidly aging, which presents new challenges to our health care system. Statistics Canada predicts that [by 2031 nearly one in four Canadians will be over 65](#).
- Justin Trudeau does not understand how his reckless and wasteful spending makes meeting the challenge of a changing demographic so difficult. It's because of his poor judgement that the federal debt is set to hit \$1 trillion in 2035.
- Median [wait times](#) in days are shown below. For example, the median wait time for a CT scan in New Brunswick is 56 days.

	B.C.	Alta.	Sask.	Man.	Ont.	Que.	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.	N.L.
CT	42	28	17	35	6	28	56	30	44	7
MRI	41	70	28	112	35	70	28	50	80	91

- Canadians are waiting too long for potentially life-saving tests and [wait times can have serious consequences](#), such as increased pain, suffering, and mental anguish.
- What's more, in June 2019, the Conference Board of Canada released a [report](#) revealing that approximately five per cent of patients, or 380,000 people a year, are forced to exit the workforce temporarily while they wait longer than the recommended maximum wait time.
- The cost to families as parents, grandparents, and young professionals sit in a waiting room is significant.

### THE PLAN

- A new Conservative government would invest \$1.5 billion in its first term to purchase new MRI and CT equipment and replace aging equipment and increase the total number of machines, bringing Canada's medical imaging equipment in line with international standards and reducing wait times. This investment will ensure Canadians will be able to access vital scans for cancer, stroke, and heart and other conditions.

## **THE CHOICE**

- This election will be about choosing a Prime Minister and a government that you can trust to help you get ahead.
- A choice between a Conservative government that will make life easier for families by lowering the cost of living and giving you more help for your health, or a Trudeau Liberal government that has raised taxes, racked up debt and deficits, and made life more expensive for people like you.
- When it comes to health care, Justin Trudeau's debt and never-ending deficits put vital services and treatments at risk. His over-spending will force him to raise taxes. His poor judgement benefits no one.
- A new Conservative government will live within its means. As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will lower your taxes to put more money in your pockets, so you can get ahead.