

President's Letter

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President

Seeking Physician Input on Health Care System Redesign

Dear Colleagues,

The NLMA is seeking advice from physicians on the topics under examination by the provincial Task Force on Health Care (Health Accord NL). This advice will be submitted to the Task Force co-chairs, Dr. Patrick Parfrey and Sister Elizabeth Davis, and the Task Force Sub-committees, as they develop a 10-year plan for the health system.

The NLMA intends to ensure that physicians' experiences, views, ideas and recommendations for improving the health care system are incorporated into this plan. If you have suggestions for improving the lives of patients, quality of care, service design, program coordination, system efficiency, spending, wait times, the use of virtual care or any other issue related to the health system, we want to know.

The NLMA is developing briefs that will outline physicians' views in the six areas where Task Force Sub-committees have been established:

1. Aging population
2. Digital technology
3. Hospital services
4. Quality of care
5. Social determinants of health
6. Community Care (*Note: The NLMA has already submitted a brief to this sub-committee regarding Primary Health Care Teams and Blended Capitation, but is still interested in receiving member feedback on this topic.*)

To ensure that the voices and ideas of physicians are reflected in these briefs, the NLMA has developed a number of channels for you to share your experiences and opinions in a manner that works best for you, including:

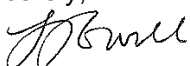
- Sending an email to jcook@nlma.nl.ca detailing your thoughts and/or suggestions
- Visiting NLMA's *Your Voice* online engagement platform at yourvoice.nlma.nl.ca where you can:
 - Review the Task Force directional statements and provide your feedback
 - Share your suggestions on how to improve the delivery of hospital services
- Participating in a one on one telephone/Teams discussion with one of our consultants at a time that works in your schedule (please note that evening and weekend times can be accommodated). Please contact Ms. Jean Cook at jcook@nlma.nl.ca to book a time.
- Completing an online survey that will be emailed to you the week of February 22nd.

All submissions are confidential. The information shared will be collated to protect everyone's identity and presented as key themes and trends. Physician names will not appear in any of the briefs.


The deadline for participation in Friday, March 5th 2021.

I know that many of you are grappling with the disruption of the ongoing lockdown. But with disruption brings opportunity for change. This is your opportunity to help shape the plan for improving the delivery of health care services in your discipline, site, and the health care system overall. Please consider adding your voice to one of our consultation channels so that physicians' views are embedded in the 10-year Health Accord.

Sincerely,



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