

### **Government Affairs and Advocacy Committee**

- Monthly teleconferences with GAAC representatives from each member institution
- Summary of Activities: advocacy training, provincial Lobby Days, see link below
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1R9aMKSxBDZsPAZsOPXOLdxO497wGdYxXgM6Hh2tuDWQ/edit#gid=0>

### **Elections Strategy**

- GAAC Subcommittee working with Media Engagement Committee to plan how the CFMS and medical students can best impact the October 2015 federal election
  1. Elections Canada Guide. A 2-page graphic summary detailing voter registration, how to vote if on elective / on call, links to Elections Canada website.
  2. Party Platform Summary. Medical students sometimes note they refrain from voting due to lack of information. This is a summary of major federal parties' platforms as they relate to health care. Direct quotations are synthesized from the parties' platforms to avoid bias.
  3. Survey of MPs. This will survey MPs in medical school ridings to ask questions about their positions on various health care topics. The topics will be selected based on surveys of our members.
  4. Social Media Campaign. A social media campaign will be launched to encourage voting and political engagement among medical students.

### **Advocacy Toolkit**

- Moved to CFMS website and updated with more Resources, improved formatting
- Requires more stories of medical student advocacy. Contact [vpgovtaffairs@cfms.org](mailto:vpgovtaffairs@cfms.org)

### **Lobby Day November 24, 2014 (Summary Document Below)**

- Hired Lobby Day Coordinator (one month contract position) to assist with logistics
- Follow-up
  - Presentations to inform our student members of the evidence for Pharmacare: UBC, McMaster, Toronto, Planning (Calgary, Alberta, Queen's, Western)
  - Op-Ed in [Toronto Star](#), Vivian Tam (McMaster GAAC) December 2014
  - CFMS Pharmacare policy document made in consultation with Dr. Danielle Martin
  - Op-Ed on Pharmacare economics, Liza Abraham (Toronto) currently submitted

### **Lobby Day November 2015 (Tentative Date: November 16, 2015)**

- Topics will be proposed from the Research Committee with representation from GAAC, Committee on Health Policy (COHP), National Officer of Health Policy (NOHP), National Officer of Human Rights and Peace (NORHP)
- Topic selection will be based on CFMS Executive vote in spring / summer 2015

### **Health Human Resources**

- CFMS President Bryce Durafourt met with the Standing Committee on Health in March 2015 to discuss improved Loan Deferral for Rural Family Physicians and Nurses
- CFMS and Resident Doctors of Canada will host a discussion at Canadian Medical Association General Council in August 2015
- Focus of Committee on Health Policy flagship report

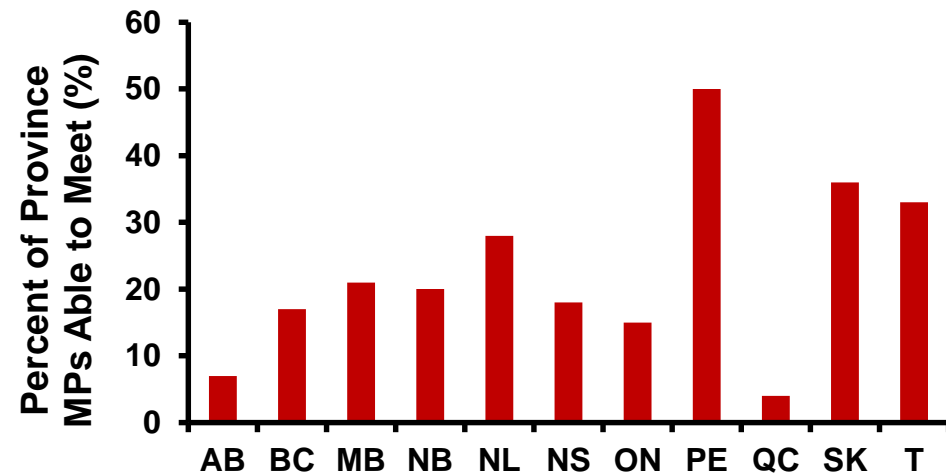
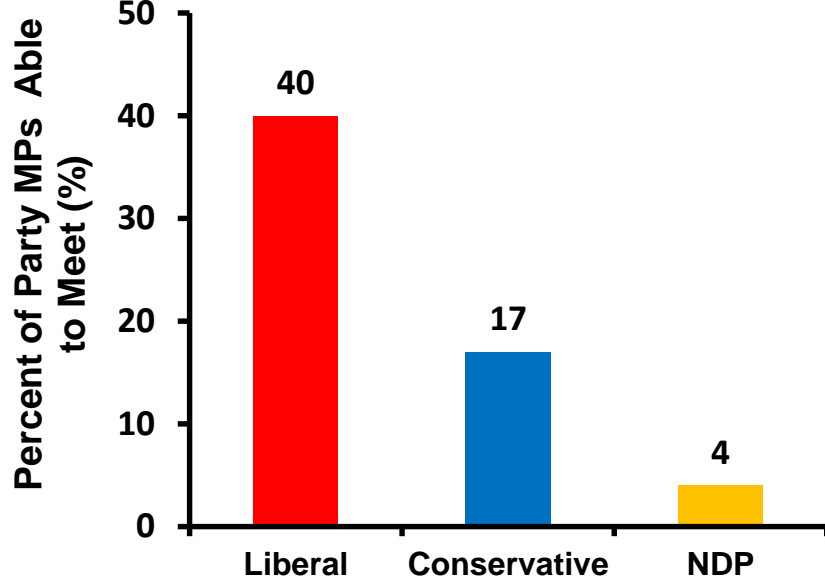
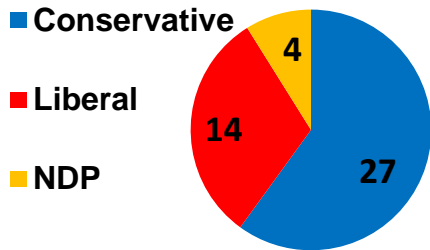
# Access to Medicines

*A prescription to improve health care for Canadians*

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Medical student delegates from across Canada attended advocacy training and meetings with Parliamentarians

Number of MPs from Each Party Able to Meet



Province	Meeting MPs	Total MPs
AB	2	27
BC	6	36
MB	3	14
NB	2	10
NL	2	7
NS	2	11
ON	16	104
PE	2	4
QC	3	75
SK	5	14
T	1	3

87%

Of 48 Parliamentarians (MPs, Senators, and Staff) who met with the CFMS were interested in further discussion / information regarding Pharmacare

**Interactions with Media**

3 interviews (CPAC, Ottawa radio, Radio Canada), approx. 300 tweets #cfmslobby

The CFMS recommends that the Government of Canada convene a Special Committee or Task Force to

- i) report on the current state of pharmaceutical coverage in Canada, and
- ii) outline steps towards the development of a national Pharmacare system that corrects current financial inefficiencies while ensuring Canadians have equal access to necessary medicines as part of a truly universal health care system.

