

ONTARIO HEALTH COALITION

Conference and High-Level Briefing on the Court Challenges to Bring Down Canada's Public Health Care System

Monday, November 8

9 am – 4 pm, Bond Place Hotel, 55 Dundas St. E., Toronto

Sponsors: B.C. Health Coalition, B.C. Persons with AIDS Society, Canadian Doctors for Medicare, Canadian Health Coalition, Council of Canadians, Friends of Medicare (Alberta), Medical Reform Group, Ontario Health Coalition, Sack Goldblatt Mitchell, Students for Medicare

Several for-profit hospitals are trying to dismantle public Medicare in Canada through court challenges to the laws that protect patients against two-tier charges and user fees. Persons with AIDs and MS, other patients with a variety of conditions, nurses, physicians and public health care advocates are fighting back.

SPEAKERS include: court interveners on behalf of the public health system Glyn Townsend B.C. Persons with AIDs Society, Dr. Duncan Etches, Joyce Jones (senior, B.C. Health Coalition); legal experts involved in the court challenges including Lawyer Steven Shrybman Sack Goldblatt Mitchell; provincial and national health coalition figures involved in court challenges David Eggen Friends of Medicare Alberta, Natalie Mehra Ontario Health Coalition, Michael McBane Canadian Health Coalition, and key organizers from Quebec; physicians from Canadian Doctors for Medicare and the Medical Reform Group.

Sunday, November 7

MANUFACTURED CRISIS:

The Myth of Medicare's Unsustainability and what it means for Ontarians

9 am - 2 pm, Bond Place Hotel, 55 Dundas St. E., Toronto

The news waves reverberate with repeated stories about out-of control health costs. Cuts, endless restructuring and delisting are justified using the funding crisis. But a closer look at the numbers shows a different story. This conference will provide the information and a strategy to topple the myth of health care unsustainability.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: We are thrilled to have Dr. Robert G. Evans, eminent economist who is travelling in from British Columbia to speak at this event.

Saturday, November 6

HEALTH ACTION ASSEMBLY

Annual Meeting and Strategy Session

10 am - 4 pm, Bond Place Hotel, 55 Dundas St. E., Toronto

Updates on key issues including hospital cuts and restructuring, protecting rural access to care, long term care funding and regulations, retirement homes, homecare, primary health care, P3s and privatization. Participate in a strategy-setting session. This year will lead into the provincial election so it is particularly important.

SPEAKERS: Dr. Pat Armstrong, Hugh Mackenzie economist Dr. Duncan Etches and Joyce Jones Interveners, B.C. Court Challenge on single-tier Medicare Hon. Roger Gallaway LLB and former MP Ross Sutherland, R.N., M.A. Mike McBane Coordinator, Canadian Health Coalition Barbara Proctor and Kay Tod, RNs (ret) and our own Natalie Mehra Director, Ontario Health Coalition.

Registration Form

Please return with payment to Ontario Health Coalition, 15 Gervais Drive, Suite 305, Toronto, Ontario M3C 1Y8
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Name:

Organization (if applicable):

Contact Address:

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Phone (day):

(evening):

Number of people attending:

Names of Additional Attendees:

Please enclose a cheque or money order. These funds are used to cover the costs of the assembly and conference, and help fund local coalition representatives who require subsidies to attend from disparate parts of Ontario.

Assembly Fee \$0 - \$40 sliding scale.

Number of people attending ____ x \$_____ (your selected fee rate) =\$ _____
(SUBTOTAL A)

Conference Fee \$40 (same fee for each conference)

Number of people attending the conference on the Myth of Medicare's Unsustainability ____ x \$40 each = \$_____ (SUBTOTAL B)

Number of people attending the conference on the Charter Challenges Against Single-Tier Medicare ____ x \$ 40 each = \$_____ (SUBTOTAL C)

TOTAL Subtotal A + Subtotal B + Subtotal C = \$_____

Hotel rooms are available for Assembly/Conference Attendees at a rate of \$79 per night.

Contact The Bond Place Hotel at 1-800-268-9390 or e-mail reservation@bondplace.ca and cite the "Ontario Health Coalition Assembly" **before October 25th** to get this room rate.

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