

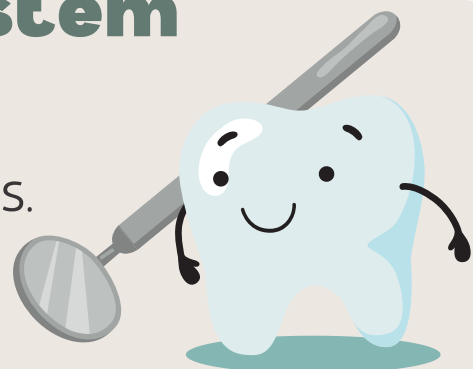
CHANGES TO ACCESS TO CARE

ORAL HEALTH & WELLNESS



Changing the Oral Health system

Providing accessibility and affordability for Canadians to achieve healthy teeth and gums. Phased rollout, starting with children 12 and under on October 1, 2022.



Increased Quality of Life

The national dental insurance addresses unmet needs and aids in achieving good overall health by promoting access to oral health care.



More information can be found :
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/topics/oral-health.html>



Current Oral Healthcare System



The Canadian's oral care system is heavily privatized. The majority of dental care in the country is funded through employment-based or individually purchased insurance, and directly "out of pocket" payments by users.

Access to Care Challenges^{1,2}

- Lack of dental insurance
- Personal financial concerns
- Only visit dentist in emergencies
- Untreated oral disease
- Pain causes avoidance of eating healthy food



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