



Alberta Election 2019 – Guide for Questions to Candidates

For the upcoming provincial election, if you have the opportunity to ask your candidates questions, below are some words or thoughts you may consider drawing from. This could be a one-on-one conversation, or an all-candidates meeting.

Mission :
Make
Myeloma
Matter

Feel free to use your own words. It is usually best to keep your questions short and to the point. For instance:

Mission :
Maîtriser
le Myélome

My name is xxxx. I am a (multiple myeloma patient or a caregiver of a multiple myeloma patient). Multiple myeloma is a cancer of the plasma cells in the bone marrow. Every day, 8 patients are diagnosed in Canada. It is not curable, but with timely access to new drug treatments, it is often treatable and life can be extended. More often than not, these lifesaving drugs are not available quickly enough to myeloma patients like me in Alberta. Many cancer patients face the same dilemma.

I am sure you know a family member or a friend who has cancer of some sort and who depends on life-saving treatment.

The current drug approval process is cumbersome, time consuming, and lacks transparency. There are many layers of reviews that are involved in bringing drugs to the patients who need them. Often it can take up to 2 years once a drug is approved by Health Canada, before it is available for patients in Alberta.

What will you propose to make access to these essential cancer drugs quicker and more efficient for those of us whose life depends on them?

Thank you.

If you have any questions or require any help in preparing for a meeting, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping us to get our voices heard in our ongoing mission to make myeloma matter.

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