



A strong federal presence will make eye health, vision care, and rehabilitation services a population health priority.

CANADA'S EMERGING CRISIS IN EYE HEALTH

IN CANADA:

Vision loss is the most feared disability

5.5 million Canadians have vision-threatening eye conditions, which is projected to increase by 29% over the next decade

Vision loss has the **highest direct health care costs** of any disease category in Canada

By 2032, vision loss is expected to cost more than **\$30 billion annually**

Just **1%** of the total expenditures on vision loss is invested in post-vision loss rehabilitation therapy.

THE GOOD NEWS:

Vision loss can be treated or prevented in 75 per cent of cases.



EYE HEALTH AND VISION CARE REQUIRES OUR COLLECTIVE, IMMEDIATE LEADERSHIP.

WHAT LEADERSHIP LOOKS LIKE:



A pan-Canadian Framework for Action



Research funding across the eye health continuum



Enhanced access to care for Indigenous peoples



Funding for collaborative vision care pilot projects



Public education on eye health as a core component of overall health care

VISION HEALTH FOR CANADIANS: WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

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