

## Family Physicians

Family physicians are at the centre of Canada's health care system, providing personal, comprehensive, continuing care for patients and families.

The patient-doctor relationship and the needs of patients are central to everything family physicians do.

Family doctors are skilled clinicians providing and coordinating a broad range of evidence-based health care for individuals and families throughout their lives.

Family doctors are community-based physicians responding to patient and community needs in their offices, hospitals, patients' homes, and other community settings.

Family doctors are a resource to their practice populations promoting health to prevent illness, providing and explaining health information, collaborating and facilitating access to other caregivers, and advocating for patients throughout the health care system.

For more information, please see The College of Family Physicians of Canada's "Family Medicine in Canada: Vision for the Future" at [http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Communications/Health%20Policy/FAMILY\\_MEDICINE\\_IN\\_CANADA\\_English.pdf](http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Communications/Health%20Policy/FAMILY_MEDICINE_IN_CANADA_English.pdf)