

# Financing and Funding Health Care: Some Current Policy Challenges

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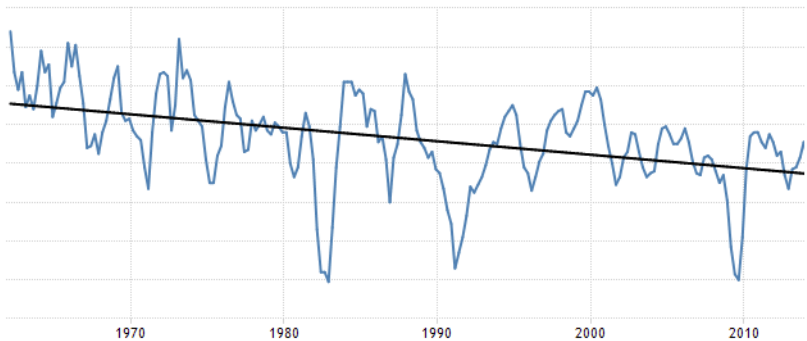
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CANADA GDP ANNUAL GROWTH RATE



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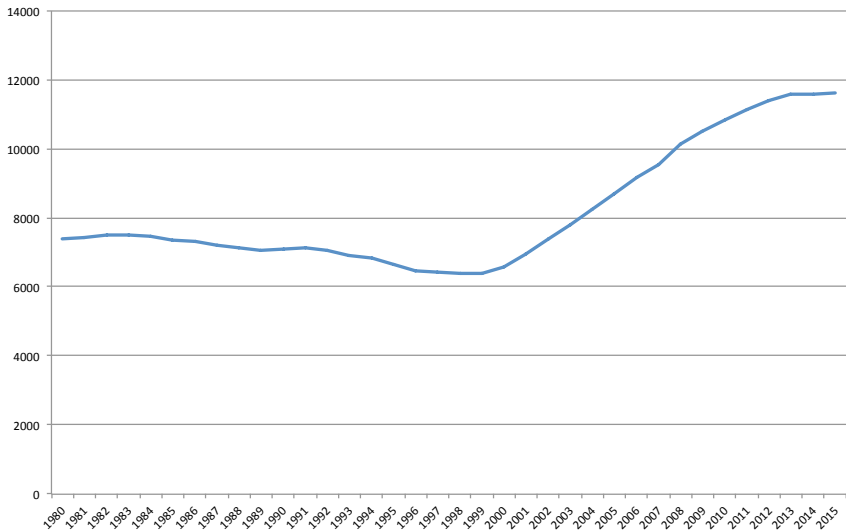
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## Cdn MD School Enrolment



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What are you looking for?



ALL CANADA

ALBERTA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MANITOBA

NEW BRUNSWICK

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LAB...

NOVA SCOTIA

ONTARIO

QUEBEC

SASKATCHEWAN



**Audiology**

48 Listings



**Cardiology**

20 Listings



**Chiropractic**

1 Subcategories  
42 Listings



**Corporate Health**

68 Listings



**Cosmetic**

23 Subcategories  
444 Listings



**Counseling & Therapy**

3 Subcategories  
80 Listings



**Dentistry & Oral  
Health**

7 Subcategories  
61 Listings



**Dermatology**

38 Listings



**Diagnostic Imaging**

2 Subcategories  
118 Listings



**Dietetics**

24 Listings



**Family Medicine**

1 Subcategories  
48 Listings



**Fertility**

15 Listings

## Saskatchewan passes private MRI law

By Staff The Canadian Press

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Saskatchewan passes legislation allowing people to privately pay for MRIs.

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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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FIRST SESSION

FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

Bill 20  
(2015, chapter 25)

**An Act to enact the Act to promote  
access to family medicine and specialized  
medicine services and to amend various  
legislative provisions relating to assisted  
procreation**

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**Introduced 28 November 2014  
Passed in principle 20 May 2015  
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## A Rear View

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The use of fat in minimally invasive procedures is up 2 percent from 2013 to 2014. One procedure for which fat injections are an option, is buttock augmentation.

New ASPS statistics show that the butt is not taking the backseat anytime soon. Buttock implants and lifts are among the fastest growing procedures over the past year. The top surgical procedures performed on patients' buttocks were:

- **Buttock augmentation** with fat grafting (11,505 procedures, up 15 percent from 2013 to 2014)
- Buttock implants (1,863 procedures up 98 percent from 2013 to 2014)
- Buttock lift (3,505 procedures up 44 percent from 2013 to 2014)

## Top 5 Cosmetic Minimally-Invasive and Cosmetic Surgical Procedures

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Minimally-invasive cosmetic procedures increased 4 percent, with more than 13.9 million procedures in 2014. The top five minimally-invasive procedures were:

1. **Botulinum Toxin Type A** (6.7 million procedures up 6 percent from 2013 to 2014)
2. **Soft tissue fillers** (2.3 million procedures up 3 percent from 2013 to 2014)
3. **Chemical peel** (1.2 million procedures up 7 percent from 2013 to 2014)
4. **Laser hair removal** (1.1 million procedures up 3 percent from 2013 to 2014)
5. **Microdermabrasion** (881,905 procedures down 9 percent from 2013 to 2014)

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# Canadian Living

INSPIRING IDEAS FOR EVERYDAY

FOOD

HEALTH

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STYLE

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## 9 ways to jump the health care queue

When dealing with your health, you don't want to have to wait. Here are 9 simple ways you can speed up your health care service.



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⇒ Pay close attention to financial incentives, but use them only very cautiously as a policy tool

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- Coordinated mix of financial and non-financial policies that drive a change in culture

