

## CANADIAN PHYSICIANS FOR LIFE :WHAT THEY'VE SAID ON DEFUNDING

"Abortion is not an essential medical service. It is designated "medically necessary" for purely social and political, not medical, reasons. Pregnancy is not an "injury, illness or disease." There is no proof that abortion improves health. In fact it disrupts a normal physiological process, poses a risk to the mother, and ends the life of her developing child. There is no "medical necessity" where no medical benefit or health risk exists."

"To justify funding of a service, the medical necessity and therapeutic value of that service should be undisputed. "

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

**LOCATION** All 125 MNA constituency  
offices across Quebec

**TIME** 12Noon – 1PM



**KILL BABIES  
WITH TAX DOLLARS?  
NOT FROM MY WALLET!**





# NOT MEDICALLY NECESSARY, SO DEFUND IT!

It's time for Quebec legislators to treat our money with respect.

It's one thing for an individual to make a personal choice to kill a baby in the womb. It's quite another to expect the rest of us to pay for it.

It's ludicrous to ask us to open up our wallets for these killings when the province is drowning in debt, and genuine areas of health care are neglected, such as treating autistic kids, doctor/nurse shortages, elder care and buying MRI machines.

The Canada Health Act (CHA) is federal law which requires provinces to fund "medically necessary" services, but it does not define abortion as being medically necessary.

When Quebec legislators deem an elective procedure as "not medically necessary" it does not get insured by the provincial health insurance plan, and as a result, will not receive public funding. For example, in 1996 the Quebec government partially de-insured optometry exams. In another example from Ontario, the provincial government delisted chiropractic services

after more than 30 years of public funding. It also delisted audiology services in 2011, allowing them to fall into the category of "not medically necessary" in order to reduce costs.

Therefore, it is clear that Quebec MNAs can easily delist abortion from the provincial health insurance plan. What they lack is the political will and moral fortitude to do the right thing.

In almost all abortion cases, the life of the mother is not in danger. The simple truth is that abortions today are performed for convenience, as a back-up birth control method. That's clearly not a medical necessity and should not be funded as such.

Note: When the mother's life is in danger, a medical intervention to save the mother which unintentionally, though foreseeably, results in the death of the child, is not considered an abortion and should be funded. Certain rare cases of ectopic pregnancy or uterine cancer may fall into this category.

## F FACTS ABOUT THE ABORTION MONEY DRAIN

**FACT:** In Canada ALL abortions are publicly funded - over 100,000 per year. In Quebec alone, between 26,000 to 35,000 babies are killed by abortion per year ... and paid for by you, with your taxes.

**FACT:** According to the abortion-advocacy group, Pro-Can, the average cost of elective abortion in a hospital is \$1000.

**FACT:** Abortion is used as a "back-up" birth control method more than 96% of the time. No physical illness or alleged "hard case" exist in these situations. Rather, the reasons are socio-economic in nature. <sup>(1)</sup>

**FACT:** Quebec taxpayers shell out \$26 million annually for elective abortions<sup>(2)</sup>.

**FACT:** For \$26 million per year, Quebec can hire 121 family doctors, or 360 nurses<sup>(3)</sup>, or purchase 17 MRI machines<sup>(4)</sup> or provide therapy to 328 additional autistic kids each year<sup>(5)</sup>. All these uses of taxpayer dollars would represent genuine health care ... rather than killing babies.

**FACT:** The \$26 million estimate excludes the cost of abortion complications, such as perforations, uterine hemorrhage, pelvic inflammatory disease<sup>(6)</sup>, sepsis, post-traumatic stress disorder<sup>(7)</sup>, suicide<sup>(8)</sup>, infertility and breast cancer<sup>(9)</sup>. All these indirect costs could easily escalate the total cost of abortion to hundreds of millions of dollars annually! How many doctors could be hired, how many autistic kids could be cured, instead of pouring money down the abortion drain?

**FACT:** 43% of Quebecers oppose the funding of all abortions, including many people who support access to abortion. (Source: AngusReid Public Opinion survey, Jan 28, 2013)

Footnotes:

(1) <http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/abreasons.html>. This analysis cites figures from the abortion industry's own research division, The Guttmacher Institute, plus independent statistics gathered by 7 U.S. state governments.

(2) NO level of government has released cost figures for abortion so estimates are based on the direct costs of abortion.

(3) Average salary for a family doctor in Quebec is \$217K and nurse is \$73K (4) Average cost for MRI machine is \$1.5M

(5) Based on \$80K cost per child cited in Toronto Star, January 18, 2007, 'Ontario expands autism funding'.

(6) A study sponsored by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario found that women who underwent abortion experienced 4 times higher rate of hospitalization for infections. In 2000, the UK's Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists established that the immediate physical complication rate of induced abortion is at least 11%. A similar U.S. study found a higher complication rate of 17%.

(7) The same study above found that women who underwent abortion experienced nearly 5 times higher rate of hospitalization for psychiatric problems. Psychologist Dr. Teresa Burke in her book, 'Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion', cites statistically-valid studies showing that 14% - 20% of women who abort, experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), while 65% experienced multiple symptoms of PTSD.

(8) An authoritative study in Finland found that the suicide rate associated with abortion is 6 times higher than the suicide rate associated with childbirth. (9) Abortion as a risk factor in breast cancer has been supported by more than (20) peer-reviewed scientific studies. These studies average a 30% increased risk of breast cancer due to abortion.

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