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## **Over 40% Believe Ontario Doctors Should be Paid More**

Toronto, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 1,120 Ontario voters, (42%) believe that the provincial government should pay Ontario doctors more. (32%) say no, they shouldn't be paid more, and (26%) don't know.

### **Support for more pay**

Those most likely to believe in more pay for doctors include those between 35-44 (45%), 45-54 (48%), 55-64 (47%), and females (44%), as well the least educated (45%) or those with a college or university degree (45%).

Those with high incomes \$80,000-\$100,000 (46%) and \$100,000-\$250,000 (46%) and current Progressive Conservative supporters (46%) are also likely to support paying Ontario doctors more.

### **Against more pay**

Those who are most likely to want to see Ontario doctor's pay not rise include those with graduate degrees (44%).

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## Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,120 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted on Feb 15-16 2017.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp)

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™ and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at [www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp)

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*Should the provincial government pay Ontario Doctors more?*

### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1120	117	141	200	305	357	551	554
Yes	42	33	45	48	47	41	39	44
No	32	32	35	30	29	31	34	30
Don't know	26	35	21	21	24	28	28	25

### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	1120	122	178	149	141	141	178
Yes	42	37	44	38	44	46	46
No	32	34	28	33	31	38	36
Don't know	26	29	28	29	25	15	17

### Education

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	1120	239	305	398	178
Yes	42	45	40	45	34
No	32	27	30	30	44
Don't know	26	28	29	26	22

### Provincial Party Vote Preference

%	Total	PROV VOTE - Progressive Conservative	PROV VOTE - Liberal	PROV VOTE - New Democratic	PROV VOTE - Green	PROV VOTE - Other Parties
Sample	1120	471	263	195	70	27
Yes	42	46	42	42	32	35
No	32	29	37	34	34	29
Don't know	26	25	21	24	34	36



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## Region

%	Total	REGION - Eastern Ontario	REGION - Toronto 416	REGION - Toronto 905	REGION - South-western Ontario	REGION - North-eastern Ontario	REGION - North-western Ontario
Sample	1120	165	182	340	258	146	29
Yes	42	44	41	44	36	46	42
No	32	25	41	32	29	29	39
Don't know	26	30	18	24	35	25	19

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