



Executive Summary

Healthcare is an important issue for Ontarians and a strong platform on healthcare can benefit the political parties as the election nears the according to the latest survey of 500 Ontarians conducted between May 22nd and 26th, 2014.

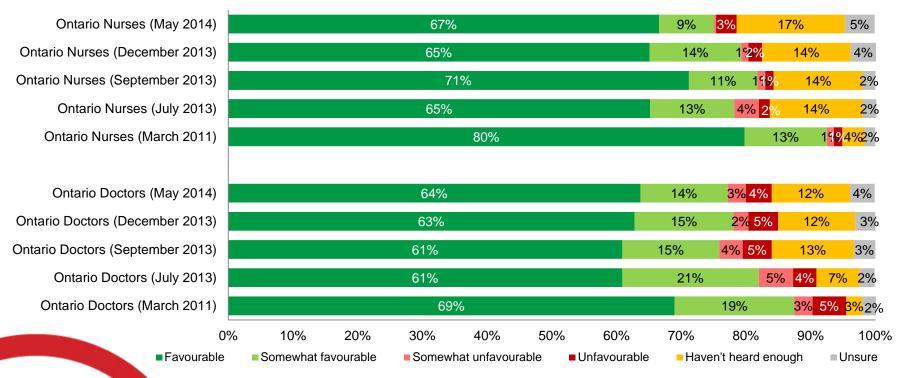
Just under half of Ontarians (44.3%) would like more focus on health care in the election compared with 42.7% who think the current focus is about right. In fact, 67.6% say that if a party had a strong platform on healthcare, they would be more likely to vote for it.

Overall impressions of doctors and nurses remain positive and stable according to tracking over the past 10 months and support for a pay increase (45.9%) for doctors outweighs opposition (41.2%).



Impressions of Doctors and Nurses

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame random telephone survey, May 22 to 26, 2014, n=500 accurate 4.4 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

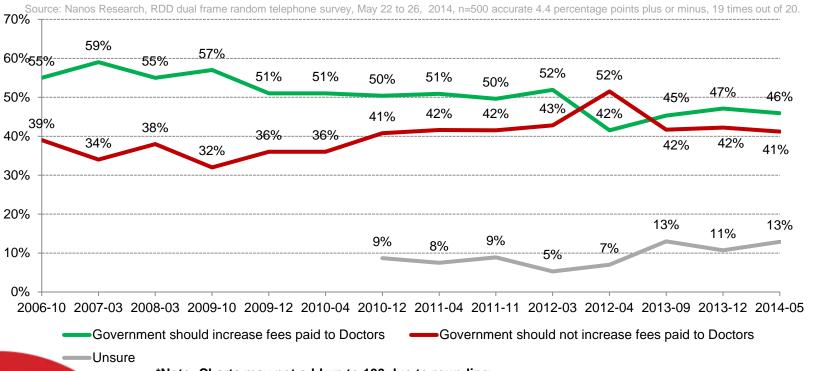


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Impressions of Ontario doctors (63.7% favourable) and nurses (66.6%) have shown little movement since December of last year.

Fees Paid to Doctors



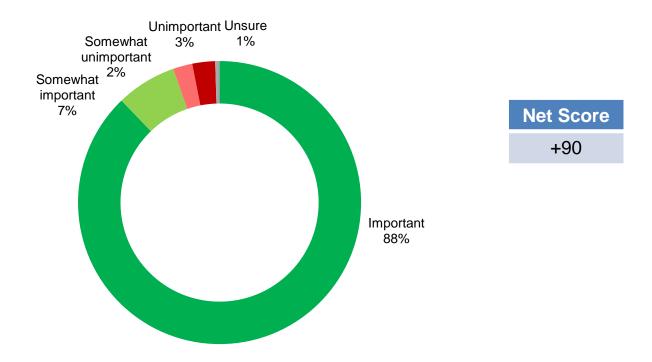
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QUESTION – As you may know, the provincial government is responsible for paying fees to Doctors so that they can provide services to patients. [ROTATE] Some people believe that the provincial government should increase the fees it pays to Doctor so that Ontario can attract more doctors, while others believe that the provincial government should hold the line on the fees it pays because doctors are already paid a lot of money. Which of those statements, if either, best reflects your opinion?

Ontarians continue to favour an increase (45.9%) for doctors by a small margin, which has not changed since August of 2013.

Importance of Healthcare

Source: Nanos Research, RDD dual frame random telephone survey, May 22 to 26, 2014, n=500 accurate 4.4 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.



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QUESTION – Would you say that healthcare is an important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant issue for you personally?

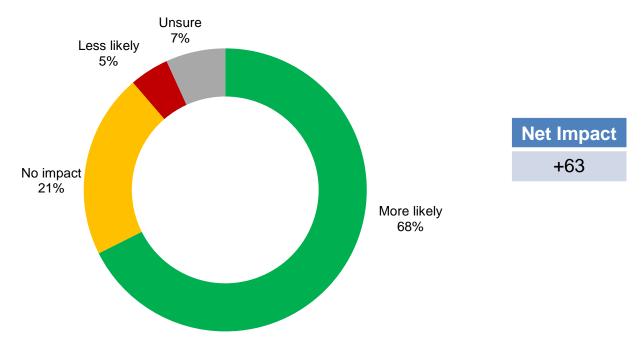
Most Ontarians (87.9%) say that healthcare is an important issue to them personally.

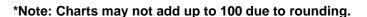
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Impact on Vote

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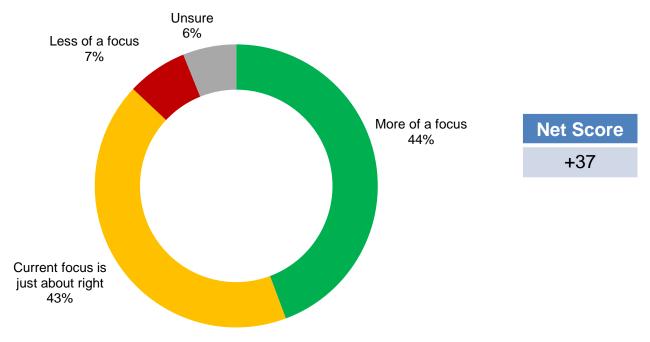
QUESTION – If a provincial party had a strong platform on healthcare, would you be more likely, less likely, or would it have no impact on your likelihood to vote for that party?

More than two thirds of Ontarians (67.6%) say that having a strong platform on healthcare would have an impact on their likely vote for a party.



Focus on Healthcare

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QUESTION – For this provincial election do you think there should be less of a focus on healthcare, more of a focus on healthcare, or is the current focus on healthcare just about right?

In general, Ontarians are split between wanting more of a focus on healthcare (44.3%) and thinking the current focus is about right (42.7%).





Methodology

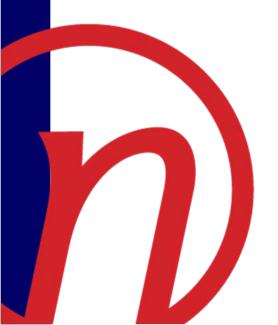
Methodology

The survey was commissioned by the Ontario Medical Association. This random telephone survey of 500 Ontarians was conducted between May 22nd and 26th, 2014, as part of an Ontario omnibus survey by Nanos Research. The dual frame sample included both land- and cell-lines across Ontario. The results were statistically checked and weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of the population of Ontario.

Individuals randomly called using random digit dialling with a maximum of five call backs.

The margin of error for a random survey of 500 Ontarians is ± 4.4 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Tabulations



I'm going to read you a list of groups active in Ontario's healthcare system. For each of the groups, please indicate whether you have a favourable, somewhat favourable, somewhat unfavourable, or unfavourable impression of them, or whether you haven't really heard enough about them to have a firm impression. [ROTATE Q1-Q2]

			Question 1 – Ontario Nurses					
		Total	Total Favourable		Somewhat Somewhat favourable unfavourable I	Unfavourable	Haven't heard enough	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	66.6	8.5	.3	3.2	16.7	4.6
Gender	Male	250	62.8	11.9	.0	2.8	18.1	4.4
	Female	250	70.4	5.2	.6	3.6	15.3	4.9
	18 to 29	102	53.6	14.3	.0	.0	32.1	.0
	30 to 39	88	66.1	5.4	.0	3.6	16.1	8.9
Age	40 to 49	106	77.5	4.2	.0	4.2	8.5	5.6
	50 to 59	86	64.3	8.9	.0	4.5	17.9	4.5
	60 plus	117	70.4	9.4	1.3	3.9	10.3	4.7
	Liberal	162	77.6	6.2	.0	1.4	11.6	3.2
	PC	134	59.3	17.5	.4	3.2	15.6	4.0
Vote Profile	NDP	102	65.4	5.3	.5	3.4	21.0	4.3
	Green	23	71.6	2.2	2.2	6.7	17.2	.0
	Other	9	65.2	8.6	.0	17.6	8.6	.0
	Unsure	70	55.5	3.2	.0	4.0	25.4	11.9



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			Question 2 – Ontario Doctors					
		Total	Favourable		Somewhat unfavourable	Unfavourable	Haven't heard enough	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	63.7	13.5	2.8	4.0	12.1	3.8
Gender	Male	250	63.9	12.7	3.2	4.9	12.3	3.0
	Female	250	63.6	14.3	2.3	3.1	12.0	4.7
	18 to 29	102	50.0	21.4	3.6	3.6	21.4	.0
	30 to 39	88	53.6	16.1	3.6	5.4	12.5	8.9
Age	40 to 49	106	74.6	12.7	.0	2.8	7.0	2.8
	50 to 59	86	67.0	8.0	3.6	3.6	13.4	4.5
	60 plus	117	71.2	9.4	3.4	4.7	7.3	3.9
	Liberal	162	71.5	12.2	1.8	.9	11.5	2.2
	PC	134	54.9	20.0	3.9	6.7	10.7	3.9
Vote Profile	NDP	102	68.7	11.5	2.5	2.5	12.1	2.8
	Green	23	63.3	17.2	2.2	3.4	13.9	.0
	Other	9	59.6	26.2	8.6	.0	5.6	.0
	Unsure	70	56.5	4.3	2.9	8.8	16.7	10.8



Question 3 – As you may know, the provincial government is responsible for paying fees to doctors so that they can provide services to patients. [ROTATE] Some people believe that the provincial government should increase the fees that it pays to doctors so that Ontario can attract more doctors, while others believe that the provincial government should hold the line on the fees it pays because doctors are already paid a lot of money. Which of those statements, if either, best reflects your opinion?

The provincial
government
should increase
the fees it pays
doctors so that
Ontario can
attract more

The provincial government should hold the line on the fees it pays because doctors are already paid a lot

		Total	attract more doctors	already paid a lot money	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	45.9	41.2	12.9
Gender	Male	250	43.2	47.0	9.7
	Female	250	48.5	35.4	16.1
	18 to 29	102	35.7	46.4	17.9
	30 to 39	88	53.6	42.9	3.6
Age	40 to 49	106	38.0	45.1	16.9
	50 to 59	86	52.7	33.9	13.4
	60 plus	117	51.1	37.3	11.6
	Liberal	162	50.1	37.0	12.9
	PC	134	31.9	56.4	11.6
V . B 61	NDP	102	57.8	31.9	10.3
Vote Profile	Green	23	33.6	45.5	20.9
	Other	9	57.5	36.9	5.6
	Unsure	70	48.0	34.8	17.2



Question 4 – Would you say that healthcare is an important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant or unimportant issue for you personally?

		Total	Important	Somewhat important	Somewhat unimportant	Unimportant	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	87.9	6.9	2.2	2.6	.5
Gender	Male	250	81.2	10.2	2.7	5.2	.6
	Female	250	94.5	3.4	1.7	.0	.4
	18 to 29	102	85.7	.0	7.1	7.1	.0
	30 to 39	88	82.1	12.5	1.8	1.8	1.8
Age	40 to 49	106	93.0	5.6	.0	1.4	.0
	50 to 59	86	87.5	8.9	1.8	1.8	.0
	60 plus	117	89.7	8.2	.4	.9	.9
	Liberal	162	93.1	2.8	.5	2.3	1.3
	PC	134	77.2	11.6	4.5	6.3	.4
Vote	NDP	102	92.9	6.3	.0	.8	.0
Profile	Green	23	84.1	15.9	.0	.0	.0
	Other	9	91.4	8.6	.0	.0	.0
	Unsure	70	89.4	4.7	5.9	.0	.0



Question 5 – If a provincial party had a strong platform on healthcare, would you be more likely, less likely, or would it have no impact on your likelihood to vote for that party?

	_	Total	More likely	Less likely	No impact	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	67.6	4.5	21.1	6.8
Gender	Male	250	61.3	5.2	27.4	6.1
	Female	250	73.9	3.8	14.8	7.4
	18 to 29	102	78.6	.0	21.4	.0
	30 to 39	88	64.3	1.8	23.2	10.7
Age	40 to 49	106	76.1	5.6	14.1	4.2
	50 to 59	86	57.1	8.0	26.8	8.0
	60 plus	117	60.5	6.9	21.5	11.2
	Liberal	162	78.0	4.0	9.0	9.0
	PC	134	51.0	8.9	33.1	7.1
	NDP	102	72.8	3.0	19.7	4.5
Vote Profile	Green	23	59.4	.0	31.4	9.1
	Other	9	94.4	.0	5.6	.0
	Unsure	70	67.0	1.4	26.9	4.7



Question 6 - For this provincial election do you think there should be less of a focus on healthcare, more of a focus on healthcare, or is the current focus on healthcare just about right?

	_	Total	Less of a focus	More of a focus	Current focus is just about right	Unsure
		Responses	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
	Ontario 2014-05	500	6.9	44.3	42.7	6.1
Gender	Male	250	11.0	32.6	51.8	4.5
	Female	250	2.9	55.9	33.5	7.7
	18 to 29	102	14.3	25.0	53.6	7.1
	30 to 39	88	5.4	46.4	37.5	10.7
Age	40 to 49	106	5.6	43.7	47.9	2.8
	50 to 59	86	4.5	50.0	41.1	4.5
	60 plus	117	4.7	55.8	33.5	6.0
	Liberal	162	4.6	49.5	41.3	4.7
	PC	134	11.2	38.5	47.1	3.2
Vote Profile	NDP	102	6.1	47.3	39.8	6.8
	Green	23	10.3	46.8	37.4	5.6
	Other	9	.0	34.4	57.0	8.6
	Unsure	70	5.2	39.3	41.5	14.0