

**COUNCIL OF CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH
CONSEIL DES MÉDECINS HYGIÉNISTES EN CHEF**

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Dr. Norm Campbell
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Dear Dr. Campbell:


On behalf of the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health, I am writing to express our collective support of the framework *Healthy Blood Pressure in Canada: a discussion paper on the way forward*. Furthermore, we are committed to bringing forward the concepts in the framework in our individual and collective work regarding hypertension.

As Chief Medical Officers of Health we have professional responsibilities within our respective jurisdictions for the protection and promotion of the health of the public and prevention of disease and injury. This framework will further progress pan-Canadian efforts to improve awareness and guide decision making in the prevention and control of hypertension in Canada.

We would like to invite you to our upcoming July 4th teleconference to discuss Hypertension Canada's plans for advancing this important public health issue and potential opportunities for coordinated action and collaboration.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the framework.

Regards,



Dr. Robert Strang
Chair, Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health