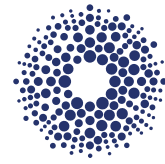


2023 REPORT CARD ON VISION HEALTH IN CANADA



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Vision health and care in Canada



1.2M+

Canadians live with vision loss



Vision loss has profound health, financial and societal impacts

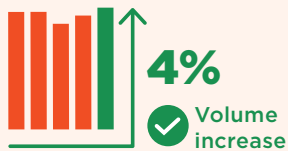


COVID-19 caused missed treatments and longer surgery wait times

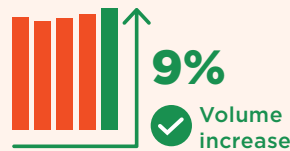
Post-pandemic recovery of vision health care system

Comparing 2023 to 2019 data, most services have recovered but challenges remain

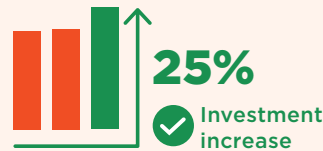
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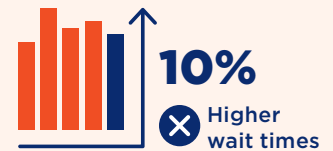
Pharmaceutical claims



Vision research



Cataract surgery wait times



Initiated in 2022, the National Strategy for Eye Care remains unapproved as of 2024



2022
Private member's bill introduced to Parliament

2023
Bill passes House of Commons

2024
Bill passes 2nd reading in Senate

Emerging issues



Healthcare workforce shortages and supply chains



Access to regular eye exams



Role of AI in healthcare



Trust and access for Indigenous communities



Access to assistive devices programs