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WHERE TO FROM HERE?

A Post-Election
Discussion



Jean Lapierre
Guest Speaker

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Cummings Centre,
5700 Westbury Avenue
Animated by Heny Aubin

Free admission!

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NEED A FAMILY DOCTOR?

YOUR LOCAL CLSC WILL HELP YOU FIND ONE

If you are either over the age of 70 or younger than 70 and have a chronic disease, you will be a priority at your CLSC and they will help you find a doctor. They will check to confirm that you are not yet registered with a family physician. To be placed on this priority list, call the CLSC in your territory:

- **Rene Cassin**
514 484-7878, local 1589
- **NDG** 514 484-7878
- **DDO/Pierrefonds** 514 626-2572
- **St. Laurent** 514 748-6381
- **CLSC Cote des Neiges**
514 731-8531
- **CLSC Metro**
514 934-0354

ABOUT US

The Social Action Committee has a mandate to lobby, defend and advance the rights of seniors with the community, the public and government organizations. The Committee identifies and investigates issues and concerns that affect the lives of seniors.

THE REASON WHY WE CAN'T FIND A FAMILY DOCTOR IN MONTREAL

In a recent meeting sponsored by the Cummings Centre's Social Action Committee and Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, Dr. Michael Kalin, Dr. Mark Karanofsky and Ms. Martine Bouchard, Agence de la santé et des services sociaux discussed the subject of the shortage of family doctors in Montreal. Dr. Kalin of Santé Kildare stressed that the shortage of family doctors is not only happening in Montréal but other provinces as well. He cited the previous PQ government's retirement initiatives for medical professionals which led to mass retirement of doctors and nurses at that time. Dr. Karanofsky of the Jewish General Hospital pointed out that the complicated process in applying for a doctors' professional permit also leads to the shortage compounded by the restrictions placed on the number of practicing doctors in some parts of the province. While most doctors do get their permits, a number of them eventually practice elsewhere. Some of them even work at clinics and hospitals which limit the time spent in dealing with their regular patients. However, the situation has improved since Quebec has recognized family physicians as specialists.



Loreen Pindera, CBC, moderator; Martine Bouchard, Agence de la santé et des services sociaux; Dr. Michael Kalin; and Dr. Mark Karanofsky.

The Quebec Government has formed group practices for doctors called the family medicine practice (GMF). GMFs are community-based clinics which provide access to a family doctor and other health professionals in a given territory. Both experts stressed that doctors are changing their style of practice. In general, senior doctors worked longer and saw more patients within a day than their younger counterparts. With this shift in practice, the GMF becomes an important model for practice because patients can access a variety of health services by other doctors and specialists.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DISABILITY TAX CREDIT!

This tax credit is offered by Revenue Canada to those who have a physical or mental impairment which markedly restricts your daily life. Depending on the date when your disability started, you may be able to go back up to 10 years and claim this credit. You may be eligible for this tax credit if you have one of the following conditions:

- Restriction in basic daily activities such as speaking, hearing, walking, elimination (bladder/bowel functions), eating, dressing or mental functioning;
- Legally blind; or,
- Undergoing treatment for a disease or a disorder that, if withheld, would prevent the functioning on one or a group of vital organs to sustain human life, such as dialysis.