

The NRBDO contacted the Ontario Provincial Election candidates and all 4 main party central policy committees, and asked them 6 questions about health, education, and social supports.

We received online responses from **14 candidates**.









We also received a written response from the NDP central policy committee, which was also sent in by 8 more NDP candidates as their response. Rather than answering our questions specifically, this letter expressed strong support for home care programs, such as home-based IG infusion, innovation in healthcare, and pharmacare for all.

**Question #1** was about creating an accelerated review process for blood products that would meet serious, unmet needs for patients.

All candidates responded that they would either "support" or "strongly support" creating an accelerated review process.

**Question #2** provided some background from the Ontario Rare Disease Working Group recommendations and asked: Would you support Ontario funding Centres of Reference and voluntary patient registries for rare blood disorders specifically?

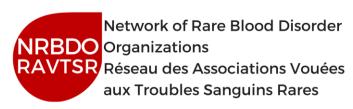
All candidates responded that they would either "support" or "strongly support" increased funding.

**Question #3** was about implementing a home-based IG infusion program in Ontario, based on OHTAC's recommendation.

All candidates responded that they would either "support" or "strongly support" a home-based infusion program.

**Question #4** asked if the candidate supported recent proposals for a pharmacare program that would include efficacious, expensive drugs for rare disorders.

All candidates responded that they would either "support" or "strongly support" this request, other than the 2 PC candidates who are "opposed".



**Question #5** asked if the candidate supported continuing the practice of having all blood products distributed by CBS.

All candidates responded that they would either "support" or "strongly support" this practice.

**Question #6** asked if the candidate had any personal reasons to support policy that would have a positive impact on people living with a rare blood disorder. The purpose of this question was to identify potential champions in government.

Candidates who responded that they did have a personal connection to rare blood disorders were:

Sylvie David, NDP

Francesca Dobbyn, Liberal, Bruce Grey Owen Sound

## Candidates who completed the questionnaire or sent in a written response from their party, alphabetical by riding (those elected in bold):

Algoma-Manitoulin	NDP	Michael Mantha
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	NDP	Karen Gventer
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	LIB	Francesca Dobbyn
Davenport	NDP	Marit Stiles
Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	NDP	Paul Miller
Huron Bruce	LIB	Don Matheson
Kitchener-Conestoga	LIB	Joe Gowing
Markham-Unionville	NDP	Sylvie David
Mississauga Malton	NDP	Nikki Clarke
Oshawa	PC	Bob Chapman
Ottawa-Vanier	NDP	Lyra Evans
Ottawa West-Nepean	NDP	Chandra Pasma
Perth-Wellington	NDP	Michael O'Brien
Simcoe-Grey	NDP	Dave Matthews
Simcoe North	NDP	Elizabeth Van Houtte
Spadina-Fort York	NDP	Chris Glover
Sudbury	LIB	Glenn Thibeault
Thunder Bay-Superior North	NDP	Lise Vaugeois
University-Rosedale	NDP	Jessica Bell
Waterloo	PC	Dan Weber