



Network of Rare Blood Disorder
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Réseau des Associations Vouées
aux Troubles Sanguins Rares

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**.



NDP Candidates



Liberal Candidates



PC 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”.



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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

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound

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Davenport

Hamilton East-Stoney Creek

Huron Bruce

Kitchener-Conestoga

Markham-Unionville

Mississauga Malton

Oshawa

Ottawa-Vanier

Ottawa West-Nepean

Perth-Wellington

Simcoe-Grey

Simcoe North

Spadina-Fort York

Sudbury

Thunder Bay-Superior North

University-Rosedale

Waterloo

NDP Michael Mantha

NDP Karen Gventer

LIB Francesca Dobbyn

NDP Marit Stiles

NDP Paul Miller

LIB Don Matheson

LIB Joe Gowing

NDP Sylvie David

NDP Nikki Clarke

PC Bob Chapman

NDP Lyra Evans

NDP Chandra Pasma

NDP Michael O'Brien

NDP Dave Matthews

NDP Elizabeth Van Houtte

NDP Chris Glover

LIB Glenn Thibeault

NDP Lise Vaugeois

NDP Jessica Bell

PC Dan Weber