



1) Allergy testing and treatment

Expanding the role of naturopathic physicians was intended to allow our health care system to provide people with more options for much needed health service delivery. Naturopathic Doctors have a long history of doing allergy testing and desensitization treatments. The BC Liberals support patient choice within the publicly funded health care system and in 2008, we enshrined 'individual choice' within the *Medicare Protection Act*.

We heard clearly from British Columbians during the Conversation on Health that they wanted health care professionals to work to their full scope of practice. We have expanded the scopes of practice for midwives, naturopathic doctors, nurses, optometrists, and pharmacists.

To address the sustainability of our health care system, so our world class services are there for our children and grandchildren, we have to ensure we maximize every health care professional's abilities. Increasing scope of practice, after broad consultation with health professionals and the public, will help us achieve that goal.

We would be pleased to meet with Anaphylaxis Canada to discuss patient concerns in a new mandate after May12.

2) Education

Premier Campbell and the BC Liberals are committed to ensuring children have safe learning environments. Boards of Education are responsible for ensuring they have policies and practices in place that protect the children in their care.

As a result of feedback from families and education partners, the BC Liberal government created an Anaphylaxis Advisory Committee made up of parents, health professionals, and education partners. Through a collaborative process, the Committee made several recommendations for supporting children with allergies and other serious illnesses. This led to the development and implementation of the *Anaphylaxis Child Health and Safety Framework*, a rigorous set of provincial standards that require all school districts to develop school-based anaphylaxis policies to protect all students. Under this framework, school districts are required to include use of medical identification as part of their local anaphylaxis policies.

Boards of Education are responsible for working with local health authorities to ensure that appropriate training is offered and that schools have processes in place to deal with anaphylactic emergencies. If a BC Liberal government is re-elected, we would be pleased to meet with Anaphylaxis Canada to discuss training.



3) Child Care Centres

The BC Liberals would be pleased to discuss these topics with Anaphylaxis Canada should we form government after May 12.