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RESPONSE TO ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

Q. If your party is elected to form Manitoba's next government, what steps will you take to implement tangible solutions to reduce wait times for joint replacement surgery and meet the medically recommended guideline within your mandate?

We will end the crisis in health by investing in supports for families and seniors to ensure they remain healthy at home in the community. We will restore the cut the Pallister PCs made to outpatient physiotherapy and occupational therapy services. By ensuring patients can receive these important services we can ensure better outcomes for patients, reduce re-hospitalizations and reduce the likelihood of further joint replacement surgery. We will also ensure there is adequate staffing in hospital to ensure centres of excellence, like Concordia Hospital, are able to perform the most joint replacement surgeries in a safe fashion. We will make investments in personal care homes so seniors can be supported in appropriate housing while also supporting investments in home care so that seniors can properly age in place. Finally, we will continue to increase the number of joint replacement surgeries conducted in order to address wait times for joint replacement surgery that have risen under the Pallister government. These commitments will help improve health care for Manitobans and will help keep Manitobans healthy and productive in the community.