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Long Waits for Treatment in Canada

The single-payer system in Canada requires long waits for care. First you wait to see a family doctor. Then you wait for a specialist. Then you wait weeks and weeks for treatment. According to a new survey, the median wait is 18.2 weeks from referral to care. That’s four and ½ months. That wait has almost doubled since 1993.

But 18.2 weeks is just the median wait across Canada. In New Brunswick, the wait from an appointment with the family doctor to treatment is 37.3 weeks. That’s nine months. How many patients die before they even get the care they need? So single-payer health care is going the wrong direction for patients who need medical care.

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