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### Our Vision for the Cancer System

An effective, comprehensive, evidence-based cancer system that offers Canadians the best chances for preventing and treating this disease, and addresses the emotional, physical and financial needs of patients and survivors.

### Our Goals: to benefit cancer survivors and all Canadians

- Consistent adherence to best practices in cancer care and prevention, making best use of financial and human resources
- Accountability to patients, survivors and taxpayers
- Transparency of decisionmaking, priority-setting and performance measurement
- Reduction of the emotional, physical and financial distress associated with a cancer diagnosis
- Access to best practices in disease prevention and timely, effective treatment options
- Increased awareness of prevention choices