

Possible Futures of Canada's Health Systems

SCENARIO TOOLKIT

Use the scenarios as a practical prompt for strategic reflection, collective sense-making and action.

- 01 Use the scenarios to challenge assumptions** — Consider how today's assumptions, strategies and ways of working might hold up under very different future conditions.
- 02 Explore implications for your context** — Ask what each scenario could mean for your organization, community, sector or area of responsibility, including potential risks, opportunities and unintended consequences.
- 03 Stress-test decisions and strategies** — Use the scenarios to examine whether current plans are resilient across multiple possible futures, rather than optimized for only the future we expect.
- 04 Use them to spark different conversations** — Bring diverse voices together to explore the scenarios. They are intended to encourage dialogue across sectors, professions and perspectives and surface questions that may not emerge through traditional planning.
- 05 Move from insight to action** — Look across all four scenarios for common themes, capabilities and actions that make sense regardless of which future emerges. Identify what we can begin doing now to strengthen Canada's health system for the future.

These scenarios are not predictions of what will happen.

They are a tool to help us think differently about what could happen—and what we can do today to be better prepared for a range of possible futures.