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The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy  
Association Canadienne des Stomothérapeutes

## News Release

Ontario Announces an Increase in Assistive Devices Program (ADP) Funding for ostomy supplies  
Province to increase support to Ontarians living with an ostomy

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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care , Ostomy Canada Society and the Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy

To improve the support for individuals living with an ostomy, Ontario is increasing the annual amount of the Assistive Devices Program's (ADP) ostomy supplies grant. Over the next two years, individuals will receive 62% more ADP funding for ostomy supplies. This increase in funding will have a profound impact for individuals with an ostomy, whether they are living in the community or in long-term care homes, or receive social assistance benefits.

Individuals living with an ostomy use an external pouch to eliminate waste from their body. Ostomy supplies can be costly for individuals, often totalling more than \$1000 a year. This increase in ADP funding will allow people living with an ostomy to better manage their supply expense and reduce infection and the risk of further health issues.

"On behalf of Ostomy Canada Society, I want to express our thanks for the wonderful news for the people in Ontario living with an ostomy. I know that the boost in payments to ostomy users will make a huge difference."

Peter Folk, President of Ostomy Canada Society

Enterostomal Therapy Nurses, nurse specialists in ostomy, wound and continence care, embraced the news and shared it with their patients who were thrilled with the news.

"Delivering specialized care to people living with an ostomy, we see the impact that funding has on the ability to purchase supplies. Ontario has demonstrated support of patients who sometimes struggle to make ends meet. We applaud this....."

Paulo DaRosa , President, Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy

“Increasing funding for ostomy supplies is part of Ontario’s plan to put people and patients first by improving their access to care and their health outcomes. This funding will have a major impact on the lives of the thousands of Ontarians currently living with ostomies.”

Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ontario Minister of Health. And Long-Term Care

This increase in funding demonstrates how the government is working on transforming how care is delivered at home and in the community.

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