

CANADIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS' SOCIETY

POSITION STATEMENT



Position Statement of the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society Regarding Quebec's Bill 2

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The Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society (CAS) wishes to express its significant concerns regarding the potential impacts of Quebec's Bill 2. While we recognize the government's intention to improve performance and accountability within the healthcare system, the proposed implementation of this legislation raises important risks to patient safety, workforce stability, and the effective functioning of interprofessional care teams.

Anesthesiologists are essential to safe surgical care, obstetric services, emergency and trauma response, intensive care, perioperative medicine, and acute and chronic pain management. These services are already being delivered in an environment marked by severe staffing shortages, increasing clinical demands, greater case complexity, and sustained operational pressures.

Implementing major structural and administrative changes without meaningful collaboration may further destabilize care environments, reduce system capacity, and adversely affect patient access. Effective and sustainable reform requires genuine partnership between government and the clinicians who provide frontline care. CAS respectfully urges the Government of Quebec to re-examine the implementation framework of Bill 2 to ensure that:

- **Patient safety and access to care remain central priorities.**
- **Professional autonomy and clinical expertise are acknowledged and respected.**
- **Physician engagement and well-being are protected.**
- **System improvements are pursued through transparent, collaborative processes.**

CAS remains committed to constructive dialogue and cooperative efforts aimed at strengthening the delivery of safe, high-quality care for all patients in Quebec and across Canada.