

Unnecessary care in Canada



Wastes health
system resources



Increases wait
times for patients



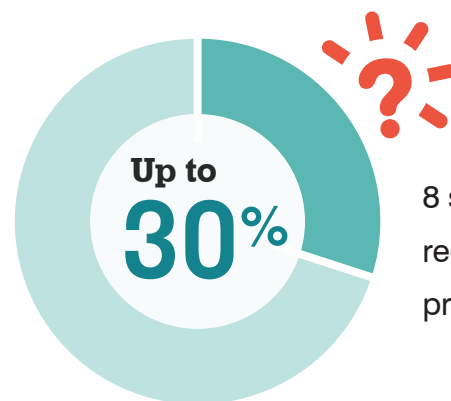
Can lead to
patient harm



Canadians have

1 million+

**potentially unnecessary
medical tests and
treatments each year.**



of patients indicated in the
8 selected Choosing Wisely Canada
recommendations had tests, treatments and
procedures that **are potentially unnecessary.**

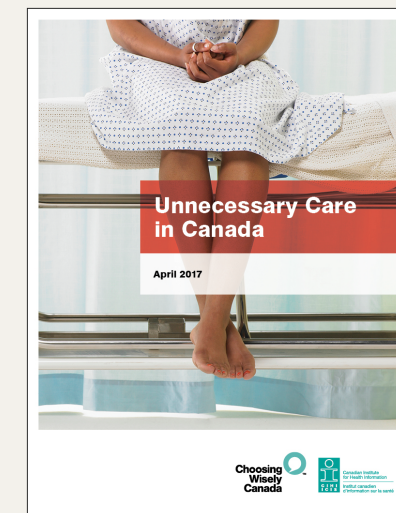
There is room to reduce unnecessary care.

Substantial variation exists among regions and facilities in
terms of the number of unnecessary tests and procedures
performed — **this points to an opportunity to improve.**



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to help clinicians and patients engage in
conversations about unnecessary tests
and treatments, and make smart choices.

Unnecessary Care in Canada explores
8 out of 200+ Choosing Wisely Canada
recommendations across sectors of the
health system: primary care, specialist
care, emergency care and hospital care.

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