

healthydebate

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Healthy Debate delivers deep coverage of issues affecting Canada's healthcare system.

Guided by an editorial board made up of healthcare leaders and patients from Ontario and Alberta, we take a closer look at the issues affecting care, research and prevention, producing weekly features that delve deep into the stories behind the headlines.

We provide a platform for healthcare workers and others touched by the Canadian healthcare system to share opinions on how to better provide care and use a *Humans of New York*-style photojournalism project to personalize the people and stories that make up the healthcare system.

Each month, nearly 100,000 readers visit our site, including some of Canada's top healthcare editors and journalists, patients, healthcare providers, policy makers and government officials. Our stories have inspired pieces in the *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, *National Post* and *Toronto Sun*, and have led to interview requests from TVO and CBC.

The arenas of health, science and medicine affect us all – we tell stories that take a closer look at the healthcare issues that matter most.

What we need...

We're looking for interns that are interested in writing in-depth, feature-length articles. A background in health or science is a bonus but not mandatory, as is experience writing about health research or scientific studies. The ability to come into our office at the Li Ka Shing institute at St. Michael's hospital for 9-5 hours is required. Experience editing and with social media is always welcome.

What's in it for you...

As a member of the Healthy Debate team, you'll be taking on writing and editing duties and will produce at least two polished magazine-length articles by the end of your six-week placement. For the features, you'll delve into the latest evidence and research on topics, do at least six interviews with experts and/or patients and go through two rounds of edits. We follow an editing process that's similar to what might be seen at a magazine, but with edits and guidance coming from our editorial board experts as well as our staff writers. During that time, you'll be expected to attend at least two editorial board meetings, where you'll either pitch ideas or help to shape ideas for future coverage. You may also edit an opinion piece, help out with social media and post stories in WordPress.

Mentorship & Supervision

You'll be working closely with our two staff writers. We'll help you navigate the construction of your story, teach you how to vet evidence and research and work on what angles to pursue. Our editorial team will help you identify sources and secure interviews. By the end, you'll have a couple quality pieces to add to your portfolio and a much better sense of what it's like to take complex issues and transform them into content that earns clicks.