

## **Health Summit series video – Session two**

### **Scenario:**

Health Summit panelists Dr. Jane Philpott, Dr. Naheed Dosani and patient advocate Nicole Nickerson, discuss the theme of session two: *Lessons learned from COVID-19: How do we close Canada's health gap?*

### **Dr. Naheed Dosani, Palliative care physician**

It's time to dig deeper, it's time to have some of these harder conversations.

### **Nicole Nickerson, Patient advocate**

We need to learn from these mistakes so that it doesn't happen again in the future.

### **Dr. Jane Philpott, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, Queen's University**

We will fail the future generations if we don't take those lessons and amend our ways on the basis of what we've done wrong this time.

### **Text on screen:**

CMA Health Summit series

Session 2: June 17

*Lessons learned from COVID-19: How do we close Canada's health gap?*

### **Dr. Naheed Dosani**

COVID-19 shined a light on health inequities in our societies and how not every person in this country has adequate access to the kind of health care and supports that they actually need.

### **Dr. Jane Philpott**

There's no question that the rates of COVID infection have been higher amongst people from racialized communities, and they've also been often the last groups to be able to have access to, to the vaccine.

### **Nicole Nickerson**

It's really brought to light everything that was wrong with equity in health care, and it wasn't good to start with, and now it's even worse. Now you have women who are not only working from home, they have to teach their children at home.

### **Dr. Naheed Dosani**

Certain communities who were already marginalized before COVID-19 have become further marginalized. Multi-generational households, people who work in production plants and factories, people who experience homelessness.

**Nicole Nickerson**

We have silenced our elderly for so long. We've silenced rural Canada, and I think it's time for us to speak up.

**Dr. Naheed Dosani**

It's time for action. We need policies to address health equity in Canada.

**Dr. Jane Philpott**

We need to find ways that ideally people can stay at home and receive care in the safety and comfort of their own homes, surrounded by their loved ones, for as long as possible.

**Dr. Naheed Dosani**

We're talking about paid sick leave, we're talking about paid time off for vaccination, we're talking about decent wages. It's going to require this entire country to look in the mirror and really look at what happened during this pandemic and who fell through the cracks and do the right thing.