

# COA Response to the Constitutional Challenge to B.C.'s Ban on Private Health Insurance led by the Cambie Surgery Centre – 2016

The publicly-funded Canadian health-care system has historically offered reasonable solutions to patients, but the COA is concerned that the current model is not effectively meeting certain benchmarks for musculoskeletal care in this country, including long wait times for orthopaedic consultation and surgery.

The [COA Position Statement on Access to Orthopaedic Care in Canada](#) states that all Canadians should have timely access to orthopaedic care. The COA supports evidence-based practice, responsible use of resources, and a serious and open dialogue about health-care delivery in this country, specifically adopting innovative models of care that will make significant improvements to patients' access to health services.