

# Questions for Candidates

The following information and questions are intended solely for educational purposes and to help you discuss important issues with candidates for elected office. The information contained herein and the proposed questions do not, and should not be interpreted to, favor or oppose one candidate or political party over another.

Use these questions, or ask your own, as the successful candidates are only a short time away from engaging in a legislative debate that will impact Dartmouth-Hitchcock and your community. Remember, this is entirely voluntary on your part.

## Federal Office

**Dartmouth-Hitchcock has been at the front line of the COVID-19 response in New Hampshire and the region. The pandemic has greatly impacted our fiscal health, care delivery, and the communities we serve.**

- What steps will you take to assist with the fiscal recovery of hospitals in New Hampshire?
- How will you ensure a robust supply chain of medical supplies?
- What waivers and flexibilities that have been put in place by CMS during the pandemic would you support making permanent?
- What steps would you take to address the needs of our communities during the pandemic?

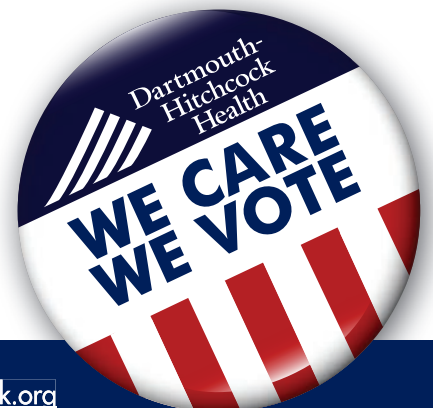
**Many of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's patients rely on Medicare as their source of health insurance. In their September 2020 budget outlook, the Congressional Budget Office predicts that the Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be unable to fulfill its commitments by 2024, sooner than previously predicted.**

- If you are elected to the federal office you are seeking, what will you do to ensure that Medicare is available and that all seniors will be able to access the medical care they need?

**Researchers at Dartmouth-Hitchcock are proud to be recipients of many federally supported research grant programs including from the National Institute of Health, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.**

- Will you be an active champion at the federal level to ensure that there is robust federal funding available for medical research?

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## New Hampshire

**COVID-19 has strained all healthcare systems, including systems for mental health care. New Hampshire was once known for having one of the best mental health systems in the nation. Now, however, it has slipped to a point where many people have little or no access to quality care.**

**Concurrently, people struggling with substance use disorders have also been at risk of falling into the shadows cast by COVID-19.**

- What would you do differently to provide necessary services for people experiencing mental health and/or substance use disorders?
- What aspects of these systems would you focus on resourcing and/or changing?

**In 2018, the New Hampshire Legislature passed Medicaid Expansion with the condition that NH implement work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries. In 2019, New Hampshire's work requirement for Medicaid beneficiaries was struck down by a federal court.**

- Do you support work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries?

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## Vermont

**Across the country, a light is being shown on inequities in every sector, including access to health. At the same time, people of color are testing positive for COVID-19 at a disproportionately higher rate.**

- What plans do you have to address inequities in health care?
- How will you work to reduce and/or eliminate barriers to accessing health care for at-risk populations?

**Vermont, like many parts of the country, faces workforce challenges in healthcare, as well as other sectors.**

- How will you work to attract and retain young professionals and their families to Vermont?

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