

## **Responsible Solutions, a video to watch!**

Don't miss the new video from the Federation in which its priorities for the sectoral negotiations are outlined in a humorous manner. Responsible Solutions: the game show that finds sensible solutions for the problems that exist in the health network. Watch it at figsante.qc.ca.



## The MNAs take up the #sarrauFIQchallenge (FIQ Lab Coat Challenge)



On June 11 last, a bunch of healthcare professionals arrived at the entrance to the National Assembly to take the blood pressures of the MNAs and ensure that good decisions would be taken. Those who agreed to take part in this exercise also took advantage of the opportunity to take up the

#sarrauFlQchallenge (FIQ Lab Coat Challenge), in particular the leader of the *Parti Québécois*, Pierre-Karl Péladeau, as well as the leader of the *Coalition Avenir Québec*, François Legault. Note that none of the Liberal MNAs stopped to take part in the activity.

## No to the government offers

In a unanimous vote on June 8 last, the 600 delegates of the Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec - FIQ rejected the offers from the Minister of Health and Social Services as part of the negotiations for the renewal of the collective agreement of its 65,000 healthcare professionals.



At the end of the vote, the 600 delegates went to the office of the premier, Philippe Couillard, in Quebec City, to deliver the results to him.



Right before the vote, the delegates at the Special Federal Council had the pleasure of welcoming Françoise David and Manon Massé (*Québec solidaire*), as well as Diane Lamarre and Jean-François Lisée (*Parti Québécois*), responding to the appeal of the president of the FIQ, Régine Laurent, and who came to put on the Federation's lab coat.



## **Bread and roses... it has already been 20 years!**

It was in 1995, when Québec was awash in a zero deficit. The women in Québec, including many union representatives of the Federation, gathered to march towards Quebec City, to go and tell the government that they wanted to get out of poverty, no longer be the victims of violence, study without going into debt,



work without being exploited and have a salary equal to that of men.

It has already been 20 years, 850 marchers walked 200 km in 10 days, going through villages and towns to defend all their rights. The union representatives of the FIIQ provided care in the vans which followed the marchers. Fifteen thousand people came to join them in front of the Québec National Assembly. Jacques Parizeau, Premier at the time, addressed the marchers and responded positively with a proactive law on pay equity.

The FIQ took part in the celebrations of this 20th anniversary!