

Walk to save SABSA

A walk has been organized to save the SABSA neighbourhood clinic:

Sunday, May 8, 2016, at 14:00
Meeting in front of the Concorde (corner of Grande-Allée)

You can also donate to their fundraising campaign:

<https://laruchequebec.com/projet/sauvons-clinique-proximite-sabsa-1767/>

Use all the means at your disposal to show your solidarity toward this exceptional clinic!

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Incidental fees: an extraordinary recourse is brought forward

On May 3, 2016, the Federation took part in an important press conference that united various civil society, union, patient and physician organizations, among others. “Through legal recourse, we want to force the Canadian Minister of Health to intervene in the matter of \$50 million in incidental fees incurred in Quebec, as required by the Canadian Health Act,” claimed the FADOQ Network, the petitioner in this case, supported by the organizations in attendance. During the conference, it was explained that Jean-Pierre Ménard, a lawyer specialized in the defence of patients, had submitted an extraordinary claim to the Federal Court of Canada the day before.

For a few months now, these organizations have been taking part in many actions to protest the legalization of incidental fees in Quebec. Despite this practice being prohibited by the Canadian Health Act as well as many of Quebec’s bylaws, their voices were not heard. Rather, these incidental fees were actually legalized.

Let us remember that incidental fees are fees that are billed to the patients, whether in a medical clinic or cabinet, for services that are already covered by the *Régie de l’assurance maladie du Québec* (RAMQ - Quebec Health Insurance Board). These fees are therefore billed in addition to physicians’ fees of service, which is why they also go by the name “double billing” or “overbilling”.

Celebrating International Workers’ Day!



Montreal

On May 1, 2016, everywhere in Quebec, we celebrated International Workers’ Day.



Quebec

Important marches took place in Montreal and Quebec, as well as activities in other regions.

**A warm welcome for
the healthcare professionals
from Ste. Anne’s Hospital!**

It is now official: on April 25, 2016, the *Tribunal administratif du travail* (Administrative Labour Tribunal) issued a new certification for the healthcare professionals of Ste. Anne’s Hospital. Close to 200 new members have joined the ranks of the United Health Care Professionals - FIQ.

We welcome them warmly into our organization!