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CHANGING COMMUNITY NEEDS
PARAMEDICS CONNECTING THROUGH APPLIED
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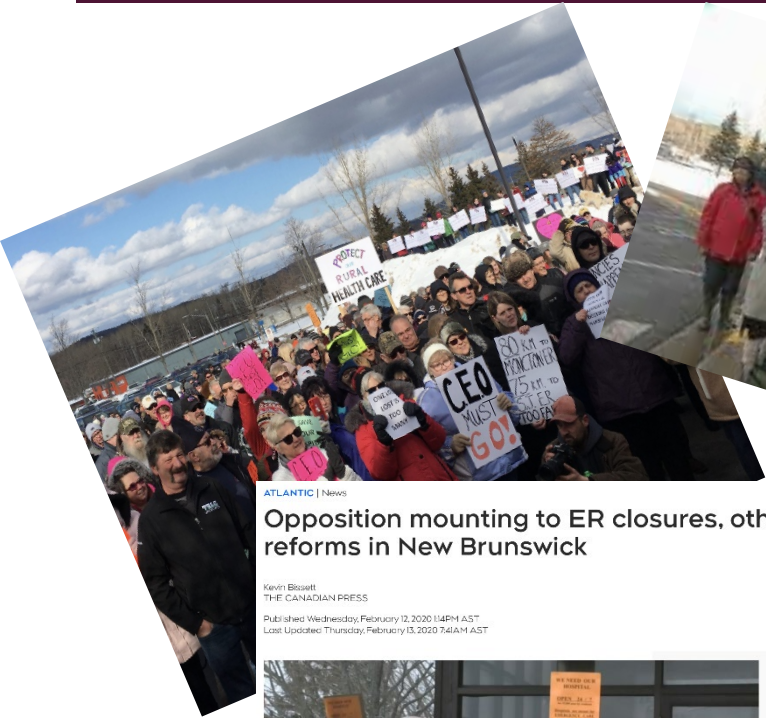
COMMUNITY NEEDS IN HEALTHCARE WHERE HAVE WE COME FROM?



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- Bricks and Mortar
- Everyone goes to a healthcare facility
- Cradle to Grave
- Physicians = gatekeepers
- Community care meant locally administered hospital
- HHR issues non-existent

COMMUNITY NEEDS VERSUS EXPECTATIONS



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Opposition mounting to ER closures, other health-care reforms in New Brunswick

Kevin Bossert
THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ongoing outrage over N.B. health reforms
Decision to close six ERs leads to heated protest in Sussex, Kate Walker reports. [NOW PLAYING](#)

Big changes for N.B. hospitals
Province announces ERs will be closed overnight as part of package of reforms, Laura Brown reports.

Shock and disbelief over N.B. ER changes
Community reacts to announcement the ER will be scaled back, Kate Walker reports.

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New Brunswick "This will get nasty": Protests erupt, Vickers threatens to topple government over health reforms



This 'will get nasty' pledges Sussex protester predicting fight to reverse government decision
Jacques Potras - CBC News - Posted: Feb 11, 2020 5:06 PM AT | Last Updated: February 11, 2020



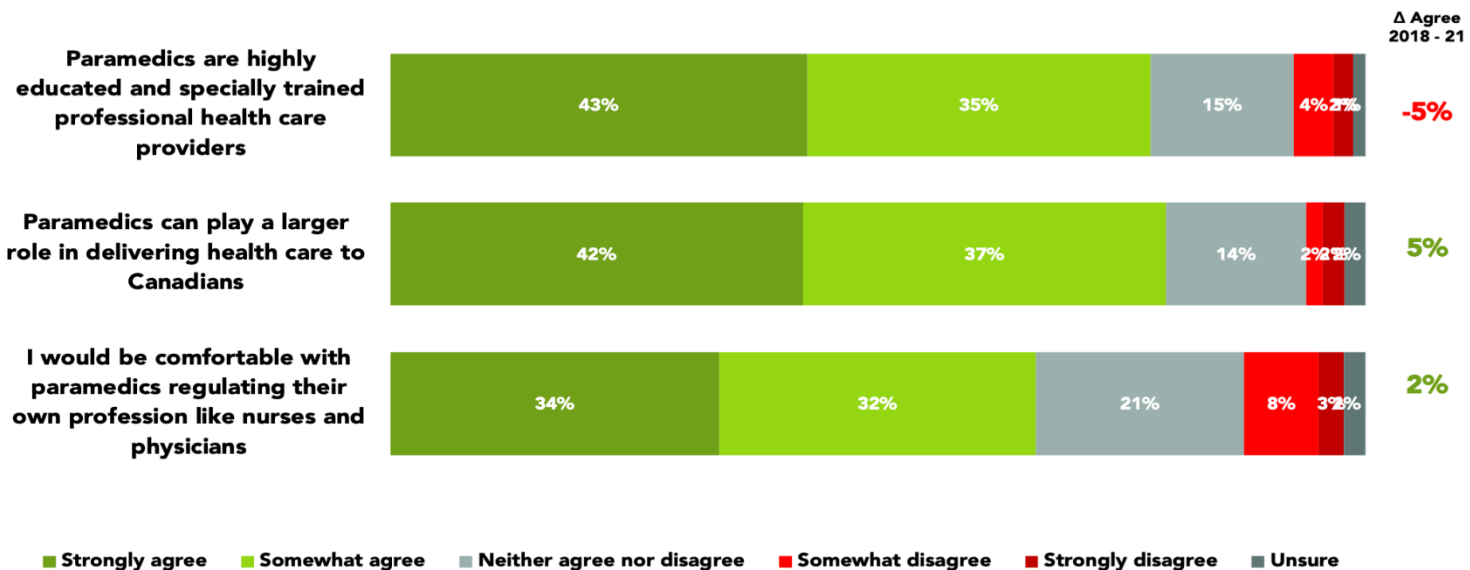
Liberal Leader Kevin Vickers told reporters at the New Brunswick Legislature he will try to bring down the provincial government over the health-care reforms. (CBC)



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HOW PARAMEDICS ARE VIEWED IN NB COMMUNITY



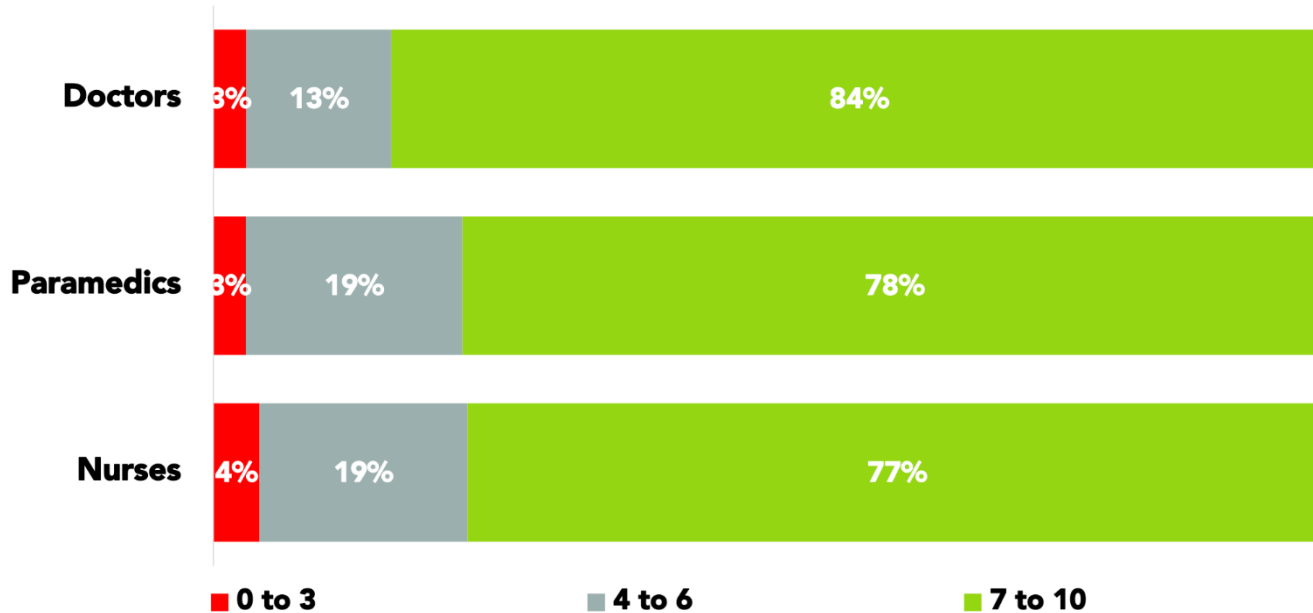
Below are a number of statements that could be used to describe paramedics in your community. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each statement.



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COMPARATIVE TRUST FOR ON-THE-SPOT MEDICAL DECISIONS



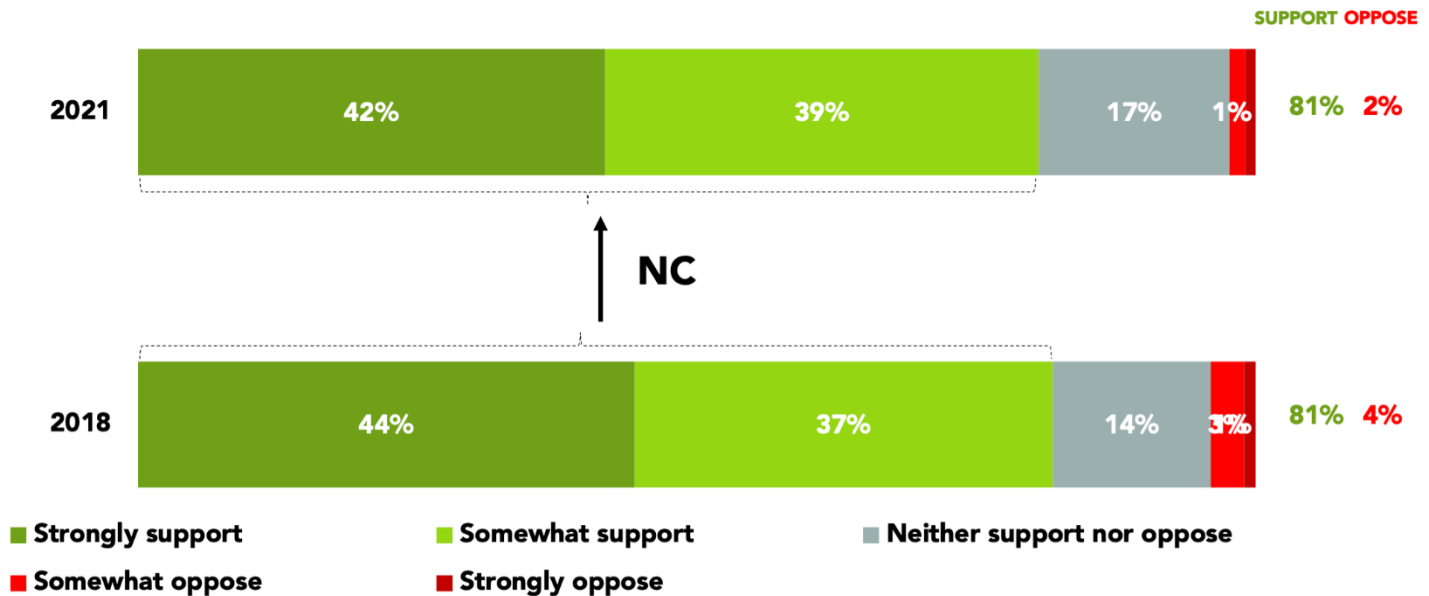
To what extent do you trust each of the following health professionals to make on-the-spot medical decisions about your personal health?

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OUTLOOK ON IDEA OF COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

THOSE WHO ARE NB RESIDENTS



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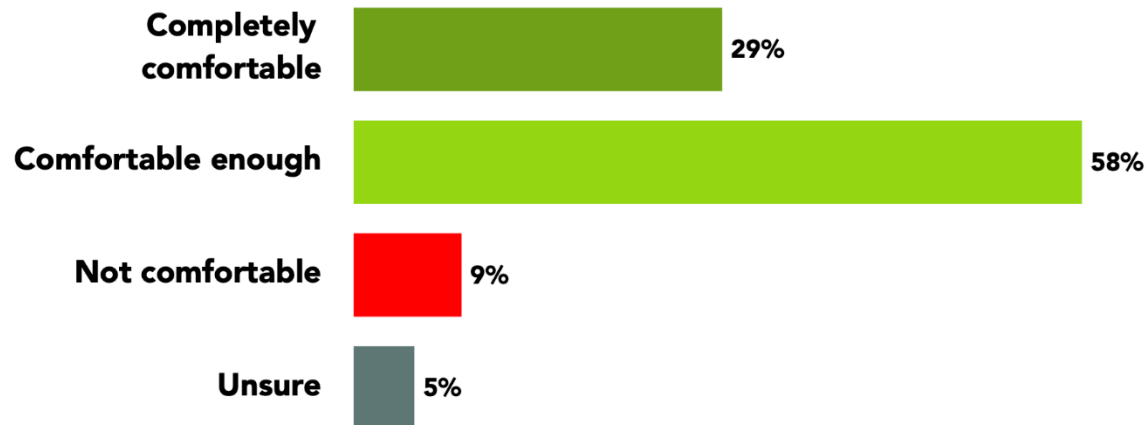
In principle, do you support or oppose the idea of Community Paramedicine?



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HOW NB RESIDENTS REACT TO THE CARE PROVIDED BY PARAMEDICS WHEN PHYSICIAN ISN'T AVAILABLE

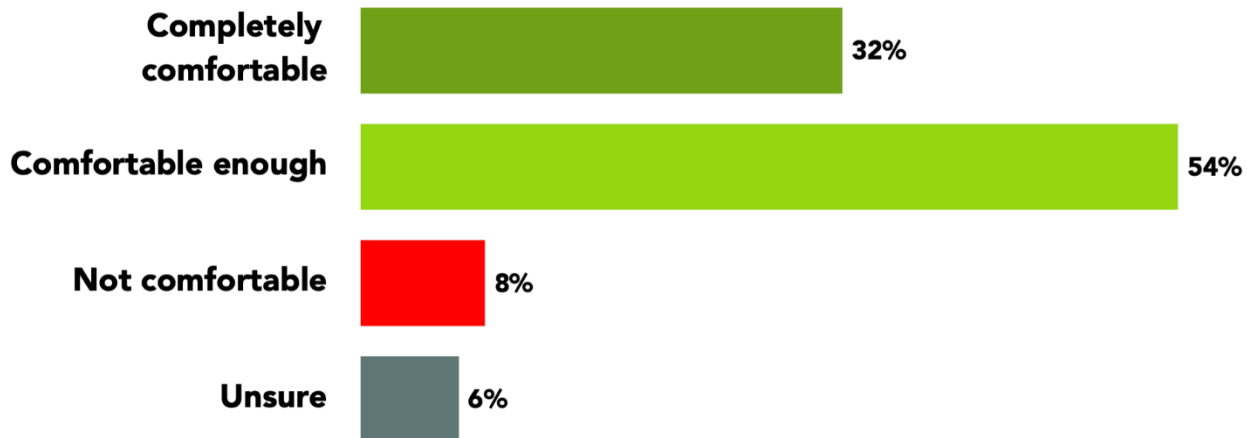


How comfortable are you with the idea of receiving a medical intervention or care from a paramedic if a physician isn't available?

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HOW NB RESIDENTS REACT TO THE MEDICAL DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE PARAMEDICS



Now imagine if you needed emergency medical care and you were treated initially by a paramedic. How comfortable would you be if the paramedic could determine whether you could be treated at a medical clinic rather than a hospital given the severity of the illness or injury?

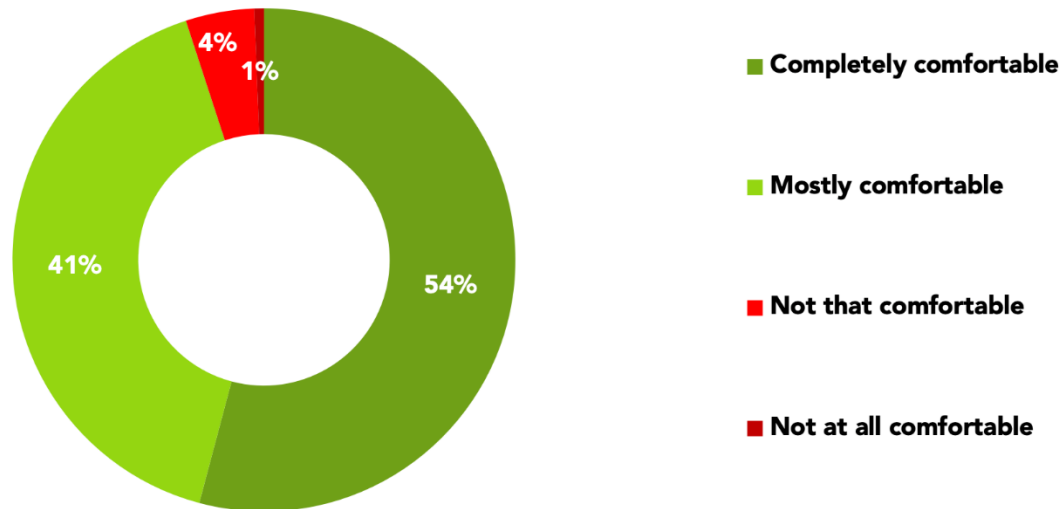
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IDEA OF PARAMEDICS DELIVERING HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE NB COMMUNITY



To what extent are you comfortable with the idea of paramedics playing a greater role in the delivery of healthcare services in your community?

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STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES / OPPORTUNITIES

- Independent practise
- Gap fillers
- Community is our playground
- Experts in adapting to changing situations
- Many different examples of programs
- Community paramedic program standard

STRENGTHS / **WEAKNESSES** / OPPORTUNITIES

- Lack of standardized educational framework
- Technology gap
- Lack of intergration with healthcare system
- Does not/should not be an extension of paramedic system
- Provincial Self-Regulatory gaps

STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES / OPPORTUNITIES

- Current system cant be sustained \$\$\$\$\$
- HHR crisis needs mitigation strategies
- Technology exists to make a robust and highly efficient system
- Patients feel like the system is responsive to their needs
- Transparency and Accountability

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE





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THANK YOU!

