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A MESSAGE TO CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Adults under committeeship are eligible to vote in the federal election on May 2, 2011

In the past, adults under committeeship under the *Patients Property Act* were not entitled to vote in federal elections. This changed in 1993 when changes were made to the *Canada Elections Act*. Currently, virtually all Canadian citizens who are 18 or older on election day, are eligible to vote. Adults with a committee can vote if they choose; committees do not have the authority to vote on an adult's behalf.

Over the years, accessibility of the electoral process has also improved. There are a number of options available to people who are not able to get to their local polling station on election day; this includes advance voting, using a mobile polling station, or voting by special ballot.

If you have not voted before...

Electors who are not on the list can register:

- at the polling station on election day with appropriate identification, just before they vote;
- by calling Elections Canada at 800.463.6868; You will be transferred to a Revisions Officer, who will assist you with registering.

For more information...

Contact Elections Canada or visit their website, which includes current information to assist voters in every riding during an election and posts election night results.

Mailing Address:

Elections Canada
257 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0M6

Website:

www.elections.ca

Phone:

800.463.6868 (toll free in Canada and the US)

For people who are deaf or hard of hearing: TTY 800.361.8935 (toll free in Canada and the US)

Fax:

613.954.8584

888.524.1444 (toll free in Canada and the US)