

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 Health and your community. Remember, this is entirely voluntary on your part.



Federal Office

Northern New England has an aging population. This demographic shift is resulting in workforce constraints across the entire healthcare sector. Concurrently, patients are not able to access the right level of care at the right time.

- How will you address rural healthcare workforce constraints? How can you work to improve patient access to the appropriate level of care when a patient needs it?

Many of Dartmouth Health's patients rely on Medicare as their source of health insurance.

- 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 Health 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?

New Hampshire

New Hampshire has been battling a substance misuse epidemic for more than a decade. Concurrently, people struggling with mental health disorders and are unable to access timely treatment and supports.

- 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?

New Hampshire is facing a significant childcare crisis. A recent study noted that families are paying more for childcare than they are on housing.

- How would you invest in childcare and/or make changes to ensure affordable access to quality care?

Vermont

In 2023, Vermont experienced heavy rains and aerial flooding. Climate change is directly impacting people's homes, businesses, and health.

- How will you work to reduce impacts of climate changes for the people of Vermont?
- In the event of climate events, how would you ensure support to people and communities?

Like many New England states, Vermont is battling a housing crisis. Supply is not meeting demand. The housing constraints are impacting workforce and also directly impacting the health of our communities.

- How will you work to improve the housing crisis in Vermont?