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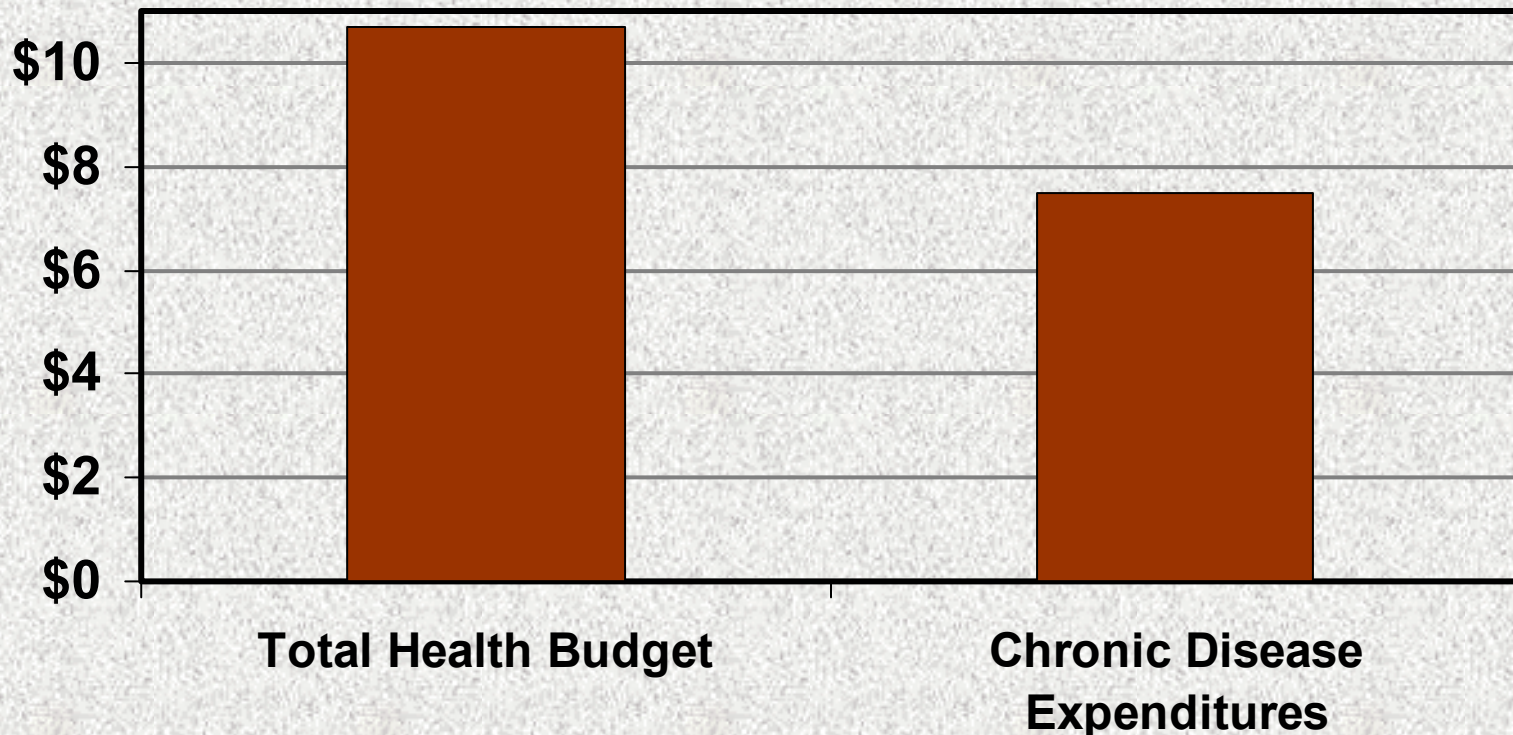
New Health Student Team Placements will provide:

- Increased access to health professionals in rural and remote communities
- Opportunity for rural BC to recruit and retain health professionals in long term
- Expanded rural and remote health training opportunities for students
- An innovative team-based approach to patient care

Chronic Disease In B.C.

- 1 in 4 B.C. residents have a chronic disease
- 60% of patients visiting their doctors suffer from at least one chronic disease – half of these patients have more than one chronic disease
- 10% of those with a chronic disease account for 50% of health care costs

Chronic disease accounts for between 70% - 85% of total health care costs



Chronic Disease Initiatives

\$2.8 million for programs to improve care for patients will:

- Support doctors' self-evaluation of chronic disease care delivery (\$800,000)
- Increase patients' own involvement in management of chronic disease (\$600,000)
- Improve management of diabetes (\$800,000)
- Build knowledge base and increase information technology capacity among physicians (\$600,000)