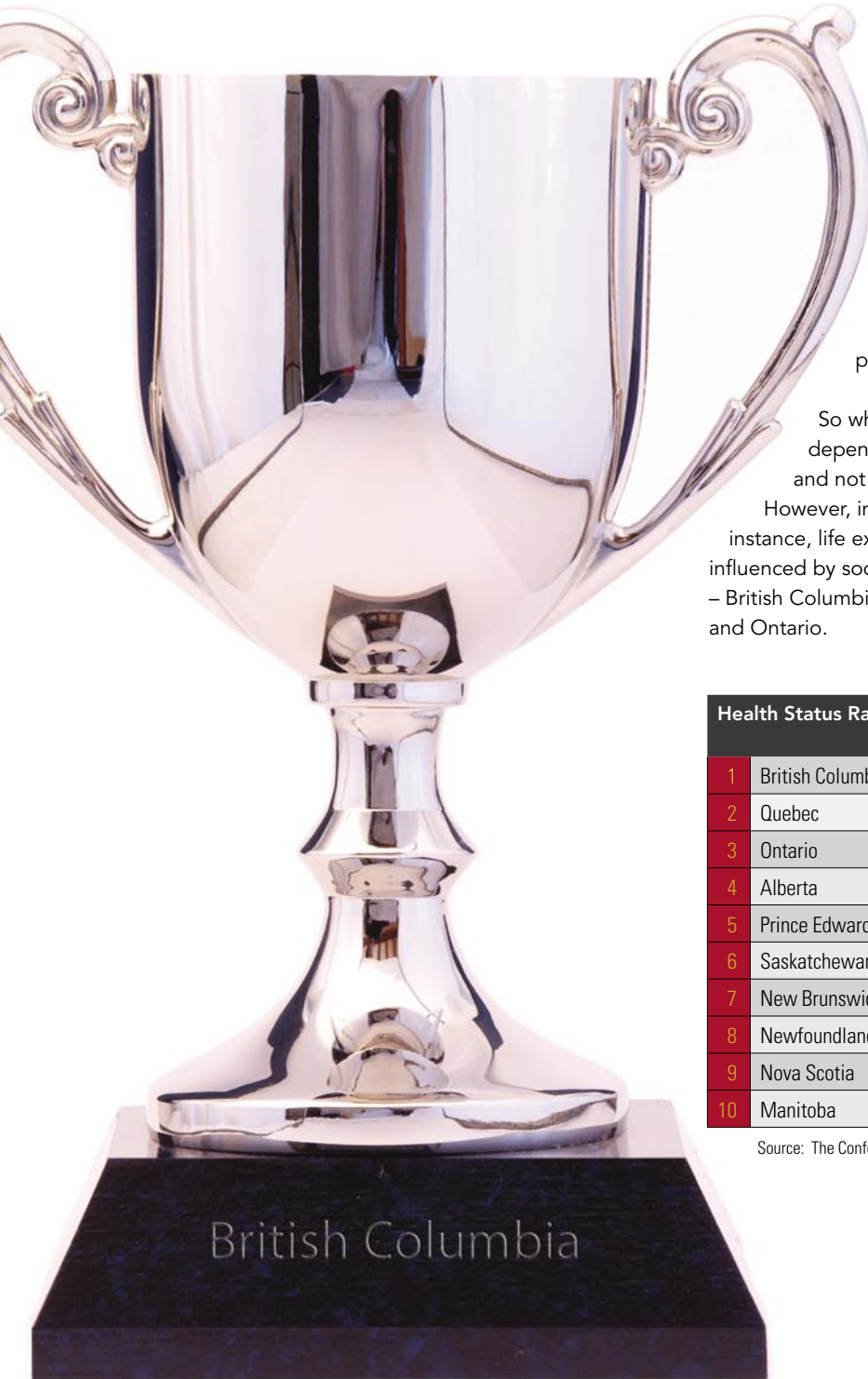




Healthy Provinces, Healthy Canadians: A Provincial Benchmarking Report



In February of 2006, The Conference Board of Canada released the first-ever report benchmarking how well or how poorly the ten provincial healthcare systems are doing in relation to each other. The report is based on comparable health indicators released by the provinces in 2004 and identifies strengths and weaknesses of the healthcare systems in each province. It also provides a comparison of overall Canadian performance in relation to other countries.

So which province has the best system? Well, it depends ... there are many ways to view the data and not all provinces collect data on all indicators.

However, in terms of the health status indicators – for instance, life expectancy and level of activity which are influenced by socio-economic status and living conditions – British Columbia was the clear leader followed by Quebec and Ontario.

Health Status Ranking		Weighted Count
1	British Columbia	84
2	Quebec	67
3	Ontario	64
4	Alberta	58
5	Prince Edward Island	49
6	Saskatchewan	48
7	New Brunswick	43
8	Newfoundland and Labrador	42
9	Nova Scotia	35
10	Manitoba	33

Source: The Conference Board of Canada.



The full report can be downloaded at the Conference Board website: www.conferenceboard.ca/documents.asp?rnext=1533