




A Public Health Perspective on Cannabis and Other Illegal Drugs : CMA Submission to the Special Senate Committee on Illegal Drugs


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February 19, 2008

The Honourable Jean-Pierre Samson
 Chair, Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 Room 2026, Parliament Hill
 The Senate, Ottawa, Ontario
 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5S6

Dear Senator Samson:

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs concerning the Bill (C-2) you have introduced to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts, and to continue our comments to the extent of the proposed legislation that relates to regulated drugs.

Canada's physicians support measures aimed at reducing the incidence of drug-resistance, the future availability of new, effective, and safer drugs, to the general public, health care providers, and the government and other interested parties.

Parliamentary committees that are reviewing the Bill are invited to refer to the following information in the Bill's Committee Report:

- Research from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) indicates that 40% of the population has been under the influence of cannabis in the past year, an increase from 16.1% in 2003 and 16.4% in 2004.
- A 2006 survey of 10,000 physicians revealed that 10% of their patients used cannabis, 10% used alcohol and drugs, and 34% used both drugs and alcohol. 12.7% of their patients used both drugs and alcohol, 12.7% used alcohol and drugs, and 10% used both drugs and alcohol.
- In a 2006 survey, 77% of doctors reported seeing within 15 hours of using a prescribed medication, over-the-counter medication, or other drug during the past 12 months.
- These results suggest that an estimated 3.7 million Canadians are either taking some medication or using alcohol and drugs, and the results indicate that 1.3 million prescriptions drugs (3.3% of total prescriptions) are used in combination with alcohol and drugs.
- Young people are more likely to report using medication and other drugs.
- While 80% of the doctors were aware that cannabis has medicinal drug-like effects, in a clinical survey, 65% were aware that it has the potential for drug-resistance during some of the same time frame for alcohol-resistance, in fact, the potential use of cannabis.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. The report is available on the Senate Committee's website at www.senate.gc.ca. If you have any questions, please contact the CMA at communications@cmamc.ca.

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CMA Letter to the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs regarding Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

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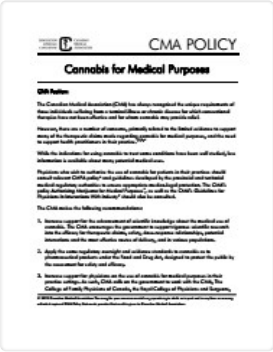
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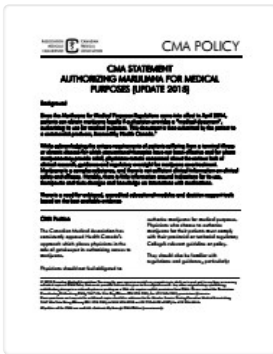
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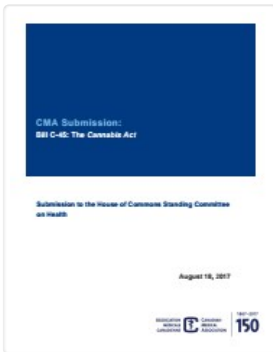
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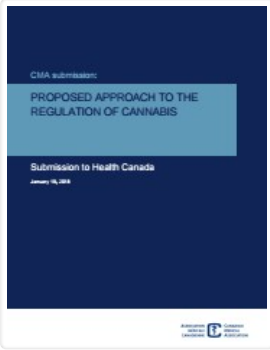


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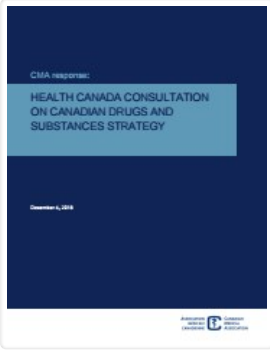
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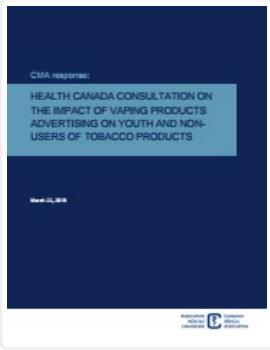
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