



## Counterfeit Drugs

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy9068>

Policy Type: Policy resolution  
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Topics: Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs  
Health systems, system funding and performance  
Resolution: BD08-03-31

The Canadian Medical Association calls on the Government of Canada to: - implement an anti-counterfeit drugs strategy which could include track-and-trace technology, severe penalties for infractions, and an alert network to encourage reporting by health professionals and patients; and - work with other countries and international organizations on a global effort to stop drug counterfeiting.



## Catastrophic prescription drug program

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8841>

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Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs  
Resolution: GC07-11

The Canadian Medical Association urges the Canadian Institute for Health Information and Statistics Canada to conduct a detailed study of the socio-economic profile of Canadians who have out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses to assess barriers to access and to design strategies that could be built into a catastrophic prescription drug program.



## Public prescription drug insurance plans

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8852>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-22

The Canadian Medical Association calls on the federal government to provide adequate financial compensation to the provincial and territorial governments that have developed, implemented and funded their own public prescription drug insurance plans.



## Inclusion of expensive drugs

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8854>

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Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-24

The Canadian Medical Association urges the federal government to assess the options for risk pooling to cover the inclusion of expensive drugs in public and private drug plan formularies.



## Expanding the public plan coverage of health services

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8855>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-25

The Canadian Medical Association believes that any request for expanding the public plan coverage of health services, in particular for home care services and the cost of prescription drugs, must include a comprehensive analysis of the potential sources of financing for this expansion.



## Independent prescribing authority

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8862>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health care and patient safety  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-33

The Canadian Medical Association recommends that pharmacists not be given independent prescribing authority.



## The right to prescribe medications

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8864>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health care and patient safety

Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-36

The Canadian Medical Association and its provincial/territorial medical associations and affiliates recommend that the right to prescribe medications independently for medical conditions must be reserved for qualified practitioners who are adequately trained to take a medical history, perform a physical examination, order and interpret appropriate investigations, and arrive at a working diagnosis.



## Delegated professional prescribing

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8865>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2014-Mar-01

Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance

Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-35

The Canadian Medical Association affirms that within a multidisciplinary practice delegated professional prescribing is only acceptable when led by a physician clinical leader with ultimate responsibility for patient care.



## Direct-to-consumer advertising

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8905>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health care and patient safety  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-91

The Canadian Medical Association urges the federal government to strengthen laws that ban direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs to prohibit the "disguised" advertisements that promote drugs without naming them.



## High cost of drugs

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8906>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

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Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance  
Health care and patient safety  
Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs

Resolution: GC07-92

The Canadian Medical Association urges governments to take prompt measures to address the high cost of generic and off-patent prescription drugs in Canada.



## Expanded scopes of practice

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8912>

Policy Type: Policy resolution  
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Date: 2007-Aug-22  
Topics: Ethics and medical professionalism  
Health human resources  
Resolution: GC07-98

The Canadian Medical Association urges national specialty societies, faculties of medicine and educational colleges to develop a nationally coordinated strategy to provide physicians with access to enhanced skills training for expanded scopes of practice.



## Evaluation of international medical graduates

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8913>

Policy Type: Policy resolution  
Last Reviewed: 2014-Mar-01  
Date: 2007-Aug-22  
Topics: Health human resources  
Ethics and medical professionalism  
Resolution: GC07-99

The Canadian Medical Association supports a national standardized assessment protocol to evaluate international medical graduates.



## Physician retention

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8926>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2014-Mar-01

Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Ethics and medical professionalism

Health human resources

Physician practice/ compensation/ forms

Resolution: GC07-112

The Canadian Medical Association will examine ways to increase flexibility in a physician's workplace to create a healthy work-life balance and to communicate the importance that such balance plays in physician retention.



## Physician advocates

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8927>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2014-Mar-01

Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Ethics and medical professionalism

Health human resources

Resolution: GC07-113

The Canadian Medical Association will develop and advocate strongly for the implementation of policy to safeguard physicians from fear of reprisal and retaliation when speaking out as advocates for their patients and communities.



## Environmental stewardship

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy8936>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2014-Mar-01

Date: 2007-Aug-22

Topics: Ethics and medical professionalism

Health human resources

Health systems, system funding and performance

Physician practice/ compensation/ forms

Population health/ health equity/ public health

Resolution: GC07-74

The Canadian Medical Association will respond to the challenge for a clean environment (air, water, soil, climate change) by encouraging: a. physicians to become spokespersons for environmental stewardship, including the discussion of these issues when appropriate with patients; b. the medical community to work with health care facilities to adopt and implement policies aimed at reducing or recycling waste in a safe and properly prescribed manner; c. physicians to adopt "green" measures in their practice environments and personal lifestyles; d. medical schools, residency programs and continuing medical education sessions to enhance their provision of educational programs on health and the environment; and e. the development of evidence-based information on health and environment issues.



## Patient care, trade unions and the Code of Ethics

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy593>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2017-Mar-04

Date: 1974-Dec-07

Topics: Ethics and medical professionalism

Resolution: BD75-03-para 422

That the ethical physician who, because of the characteristics of his/her work is a member of a trade union or Association with the independent right of strike action, will always place his/her obligation to patient care and support of the Code of Ethics above adherence to the rules of the trade union or association.





## Psycho-active substances and the operation of motor vehicles and industrial equipment

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy781>

Policy Type: Policy resolution

Last Reviewed: 2017-Mar-04

Date: 1973-Jun-16

Topics: Pharmaceuticals/ prescribing/ cannabis/ marijuana/ drugs  
Population health/ health equity/ public health

Resolution: GC73-50

That the membership of the Canadian Medical Association clearly inform its patients, and the general public at large, of the hazards associated with the operation of motor vehicles, industrial equipment, etc., while under the influence of psycho-active substances, especially alcohol and antihistamines, and particularly the combination of such substances.