

Presentation to the Senate Special Committee on Aging

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February 19, 2008

The Honourable Jean-Pierre Samson
 Deputy Speaker
 Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
 Room 2026, Parliament Hill
 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5K6

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 commitment to the protection of the proposed legislation that relates to recreational drug use.

Canada's physicians support measures aimed at reducing the incidence of drug-impaired driving, the highest risk of harm to the public from drug use, in the occupational setting. Health Canada and the Canadian Public Health Agency have also expressed their support for the Bill to C-2. We note that:

- Research from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) indicates that 40% of all drug-impaired driving deaths under the influence of cannabis in the past year, or increase from 16.1% in 2003 and 16.4% in 2004, were attributed to marijuana.
- A study conducted in 2007 (1) found that 10% of all drivers involved in fatal crashes, 10% of all drivers involved in non-fatal crashes, and 10% of all drivers involved in property damage crashes were found to be impaired by marijuana.
- In a 2005 survey, 77% of drivers reported driving within 15 hours of using a prescribed medication, with the majority reporting marijuana, or other drugs during the past 12 months.
- These results suggest that an estimated 3.7 million Canadian drivers are taking some medication that could impair their driving skills.
- The most common drug-impaired crash for the majority of drivers is 1-3 PM, prescription drugs (3.3%), marijuana (2.9%), and other medications (2.1%).
- Young drivers are most likely to report using medication on days of high usage.
- While 80% of the drivers were aware that cannabis has impaired driving results, in a national survey, 65% responded negatively to the possibility that drug-impaired driving poses the same level of risk for alcohol-impaired driving, in fact, the opposite was observed.

⁽¹⁾ Bureau of Statistics Canada, "The Impact of Cannabis on Driving: Canadian Survey of Daily Health, 2006", p. 17, 2006.

⁽²⁾ Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, "Bill C-2: Cannabis and Other Drugs in the Criminal Code", 2007-2008, Appendix B, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ Health Canada and the Canadian Public Health Agency, "Marijuana and Driving: A National Survey of Drivers' Knowledge and Attitudes", 2007, p. 10.

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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Caring in a Crisis: The Ethical Obligations of Physicians and Society During a Pandemic

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CMA's letter to Mr. James Rajotte, MP Chair, Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology: Review of the service sector in Canada

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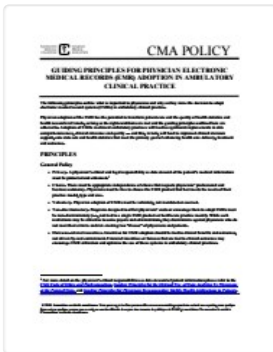
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Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in Ambulatory Clinical Practice


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HIV Testing

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Health care and patient safety

Resolution: The Canadian Medical Association endorses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing with the understanding that routine testing is conducted within the context of the doctor/patient relationship and that clinically appropriate pre- and post-test counselling is conducted.

CMA Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health - regarding Post-Market Surveillance of Pharmaceutical Products

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Federal Health Financing (Update 2008)

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 Replaces: Federal health financing (Update 2001)
 Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance

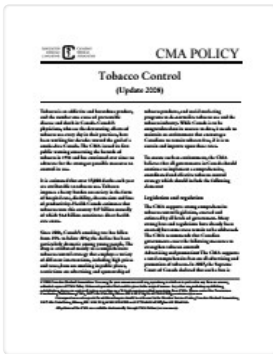
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Tobacco Control (Update 2008)

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Replaces:	Tobacco Control (2001)
Topics:	Population health/ health equity/ public health

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CMA Presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health : Statutory review of the 10-Year Plan to Strengthen Health Care

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Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance

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"Surgical Safety Checklist" campaign

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Policy Type: Policy resolution
Last Reviewed: 2015-Feb-28
Date: 2008-May-27
Topics: Health systems, system funding and performance
Ethics and medical professionalism
Resolution: The Canadian Medical Association endorses the concept of the World Health Organization's "Surgical Safety Checklist" campaigns.



Endorsement - Canadian Patient Safety Institute's Canadian Disclosure Guidelines

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Policy Type: Policy resolution
Last Reviewed: 2015-Feb-28
Date: 2008-May-27
Topics: Health care and patient safety
Population health/ health equity/ public health
Resolution: The Canadian Medical Association endorses the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's Canadian Disclosure Guidelines



Presentation to the Senate Subcommittee on Population Health

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Improving access to world-class health care by accelerating health information technology investments: CMA's 2009 pre-budget brief to the Standing Committee on Finance

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Health systems, system funding and performance

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Wait Time Alliance's benchmarks for psychiatric care

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Policy Type: Policy resolution
Last Reviewed: 2019-Mar-03
Date: 2008-Aug-20
Topics: Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance
Resolution: The Canadian Medical Association urges governments, within their areas of jurisdiction, to adopt the Wait Time Alliance's benchmarks for psychiatric care.



Health Canada's new radon exposure guidelines

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Policy Type:	Policy resolution
Last Reviewed:	2019-Mar-03
Date:	2008-Aug-20
Topics:	Population health/ health equity/ public health Health care and patient safety
Resolution:	The Canadian Medical Association urges the federal government to ensure that private residences and public and commercial buildings in Canada are appropriately tested to meet Health Canada's new radon exposure guidelines.



Canadian citizens completing medical training outside of Canada

<https://policybase.cma.ca/en/permalink/policy11690>

Policy Type:	Policy resolution
Last Reviewed:	2019-Mar-03
Date:	2008-Aug-20
Topics:	Health human resources Physician practice/ compensation/ forms
Resolution:	The Canadian Medical Association will develop a policy to facilitate the entry of Canadian citizens completing medical training outside of Canada into Canadian postgraduate training programs so long as this does not compromise the ability of graduates of Canadian medical schools to continue to obtain priority access to guaranteed residency training positions.



CanMEDs manager role and competencies

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Policy Type:	Policy resolution
Last Reviewed:	2019-Mar-03
Date:	2008-Aug-20
Topics:	Health human resources Physician practice/ compensation/ forms
Resolution:	The Canadian Medical Association, provincial/territorial medical associations and affiliates call on undergraduate medical education and postgraduate training programs at Canada's faculties of medicine to develop an integrated approach to teaching the principles of the CanMEDs manager role and competencies to all medical students and resident trainees.



Examination of adverse events

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Policy Type:	Policy resolution
Last Reviewed:	2019-Mar-03
Date:	2008-Aug-20
Topics:	Health systems, system funding and performance Health care and patient safety Ethics and medical professionalism
Resolution:	The Canadian Medical Association calls on regulatory agencies, hospitals, health regions and others to utilize a non-punitive quality improvement approach to the examination of adverse events while still acknowledging individual accountability.



Access to mental health prevention and treatment

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Policy Type:	Policy resolution
Last Reviewed:	2015-Feb-28
Date:	2008-Aug-20
Topics:	Population health/ health equity/ public health Health care and patient safety
Resolution:	The Canadian Medical Association will develop a five-year plan focused on improving access to mental health prevention and treatment and eliminating stigma and discrimination.