



## Eye care

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That this Canadian Medical Association statement on eye care be approved. 1. The medical profession in general and ophthalmologists in particular have a responsibility to provide leadership in developing plans for effective, efficient and realistic eye care in Canadians. 2. The principle that the provision of eye care includes both medical and non-medical personnel is recognized and accepted. Any such personnel should be organized and administered to ensure adherence to all of the following specific principles: a) provision of quality eye care includes both medical (including surgical) and non-medical acts, b) only duly qualified and legally licensed physicians must be allowed to provide the medical aspects of eye care, c) duly qualified and legally licensed physicians must also be free to provide complete eye care, d) the duly qualified and legally licensed physician must be free to delegate appropriate eye care acts at his discretion to persons acting under his control and his responsibility, e) non-medical personnel should be free to perform independently only non-medical eye care acts: and they should perform independently only those acts that they are legally authorized to perform independently, and f) guidelines for referral between non- medical and medical personnel are essential. 3. Within the broad limits set by the above, many patterns are possible. However, in order to be effective, efficient and realistic, any eye care plan or plans that are developed should meet the following criteria: a) every citizen should have reasonable access to the eye care system through duly qualified and legally licensed medical or non-medical personnel of his choice in his own population-area, b) every citizen should have reasonable access to treatment of ocular disease by duly qualified and legally licensed medical personnel either by direct personal appointment, or by referral from other primary eye care personnel, c) treatment for especially complicated cases should be available to every citizen upon referral from medical personnel to specialized medical personnel in one or more adequately equipped centres in each province or region, d) programs designed for the promotion of eye health should be provided in every population-area. These should include prevention and early detection of eye disease and injury, and may be provided through programs and services that serve general needs or special needs such as: i) pre-school needs ii) school needs iii) industrial and occupational and recreational needs iv) specific survey (e.g., glaucoma) needs v) special purpose (e.g., driving and sports) needs vi) geriatric

needs vii) ocular rehabilitation needs e) training institutions must be equipped and staffed to prepare graduates appropriately for their assigned roles in eye care term, f) optical appliances should be available in every population area, and other ocular prostheses should be within reasonable access- all at reasonable cost, g) methods of financing should provide for the maximum quality eye care for every one at the lowest possible cost to the government and to the private citizen, h) eye research programs should be appropriately staffed and funded, and i) the organizational structure of eye care services should establish and maintain lines of control and responsibility that are consistent with the principles and criteria enunciated above.



### Nutrition counseling

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That, recognizing the importance of comprehensive nutrition counselling services, the Canadian Medical Association urge that such services be made widely available within the framework of the health care system.



### First aid

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That the Canadian Medical Association draw the attention of its members to the need for first aid knowledge by the general public and that members be encouraged to become more active in the promotion and teaching of first aid.



## Ambulance services

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The Canadian Medical Association, recognizing the vital role of ambulance services in providing mobile life support for the acutely ill and injured, recommends that i) ambulance services be considered, where practicable, a direct extension of a hospital emergency department and integrated with the emergency services, ii) ambulance services incorporate standards of personnel education, vehicular design and life support equipment commensurate with those of the overall emergency care system.



## Noise pollution

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The Canadian Medical Association, recognizing that noise pollution is a significant and increasing health hazard in the work and home environments of most Canadians, calls on all levels of government to delineate, legislate, monitor and enforce laws on the question of noise.



## Noise pollution and health

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That physicians make themselves more aware of the health hazards associated with noise and wherever possible take the necessary steps to reduce such hazards, particularly in their own working environments.