Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

May 9, 2022

Thank you very much.

This is an important opportunity for the Canadian Medical Association to introduce its perspective on the matters that have been tabled for consideration by this Committee today. The Association will be pleased to respond to any questions that members of the Committee may have.

The health system in Canada is facing significant challenges, including a growing demand for services, an aging population, and limited resources. The Association believes that a strong, sustainable system is essential to ensure the health and well-being of all Canadians.

One of the key issues facing the system today is the allocation of resources. The Association has repeatedly called for a long-term, stable funding model that will allow for the sustained improvement of health outcomes.

We also believe that the system needs to be more transparent and accountable. The Association supports the implementation of a robust system of performance measurement and reporting, which will enable us to track progress and make informed decisions about where to allocate resources.

Finally, the Association believes that the system needs to be more integrated. This means ensuring that all services are accessible to all Canadians, regardless of where they live or what type of care they require.

In conclusion, the Association is committed to working with the government and other stakeholders to ensure that the health system in Canada is fit for the challenges of the future. We believe that a strong, sustainable system is possible, and we are committed to doing our part to make it happen.

Thank you.

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Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
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Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers

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Dr. Kiran Soma
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Dr. Eisenberg Prasad
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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Return to school during COVID-19

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Fully vaccinated individuals have a reduced risk of acquiring and spreading SARS-CoV-2, and are therefore less likely to transmit the virus to others. As such, fully vaccinated students are unlikely to be a source of transmission to other students, staff, or the wider community. This is supported by multiple studies that have shown vaccination reduces the risk of hospitalization and severe illness with COVID-19. Therefore, requiring full vaccination for all students is a prudent public health measure to mitigate the risk of transmission and maintain a safe learning environment.

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