Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

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TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Health systems, system funding and performance

RATIONALS
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has long been a leader in the push for health systems that are both effective and sustainable. As health care costs continue to rise, it becomes increasingly important to think about the full lifecycle costs of health care, including environmental and financial implications. The CMA, therefore, advocates for a system that is not only responsive to the needs of patients but also mindful of its environmental impact. The CMA endorses policies that support sustainable practices in health care, recognizing the importance of reducing carbon emissions and promoting health within a framework that respects the environment.

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CMA 2023 Pre-budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
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Documents
June 12, 2022

Honorable Prime Minister,

Prime Minister’s Office

https://www.pch.gc.ca

To: Council of the Federation

Subject: Council of the Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities (health workforce, primary care, labour mobility)

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to discuss the upcoming Council of the Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities. In this letter, I will focus on three key areas: health workforce, primary care, and labour mobility.

Health Workforce

Canada’s health workforce is strained due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the retirement of experienced health professionals. The urgent need for increased workforce capacity is evident, especially in primary care settings where there is a critical shortage of physicians and nurses. Investment in the health workforce is necessary to ensure that Canadians have access to quality care.

Primary Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the importance of primary care as the foundation of our health system. It is critical that we ensure primary care is adequately funded and supported to meet the needs of Canadians. This includes investments in electronic medical records and telehealth services to improve access to care.

Labour Mobility

Labour mobility is crucial in addressing the imbalances in our health workforce. The federal government’s role in promoting mobility across provinces and territories is essential to ensuring a sustainable workforce. Investments in training and development programs can help address the skills gap and improve the mobility of health professionals.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I am committed to working with you and all levels of government to ensure that we have a robust and sustainable health system that meets the needs of Canadians.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

President

Canadian Medical Association

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Health human resources
Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14473

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DATE: 2022-04-14
TOPICS: Health systems, system funding and performance, Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Appearance before the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14472

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TOPICS  Health human resources
         Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents

Appearance before the
Standing Committee on Human
Resources, Skills and Social
Development and the Status of
Persons with Disabilities

Dr. Katherine Swift
President of the Canadian Medical Association

March 28, 2022

[Medical Association logo]
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14469

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TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
         Health human resources
         Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

[Dr. Cairine Wilson]
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 15, 2022
Cmpts appear by proxy

[Image of Canadian Medical Association logo]
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14468

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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14467

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                                      Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day

Dr. Leanne D'Souza
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022
(Chairperson)
CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities’ study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14464

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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Vaccine acceptance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14450

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2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Return to school during COVID-19

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14452

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Policy document

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2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy positions/recommendations:
1. The CMA recommends the adoption of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) guidance on vaccine interchangeability, which specifies the use of vaccine mixtures, as a model for ensuring the safe and effective deployment of COVID-19 vaccines across Canada.
2. The CMA recommends the endorsement of vaccine interchangeability as a model for ensuring the safe and effective deployment of COVID-19 vaccines across Canada.

References:
- Interchangeability of vaccines

Documents:
- CMA 2022 Pre-Budget Submission
- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Firearms Control (Update 2021)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14401

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TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
Health care and patient safety

Documents

Firearms Control
CMA 2013

This policy addresses the public health impact of firearm ownership and access to firearm
sales, distribution, and use. It is based on evidence from the scientific literature, expert
judgment and services, and consultation with the Canadian Medical Association’s (CMA)
members, which include physicians and other health-care professionals.

Introduction

Firearm regulations are an important public health issue. In 2013, the CMA published a
position statement on firearms control (Update 2001). This statement highlighted
the importance of developing and implementing evidence-based policies to reduce the
public health impacts of firearm violence. Since then, there have been significant
advancements in the understanding of the health impacts of firearm violence and the
criminal justice system.

The CMA is committed to promoting public health and reducing the burden of
disease associated with firearms. This policy aims to provide guidance to health
professionals and policymakers on the development and implementation of evidence-based
policies to address the public health impacts of firearm violence.

Scope

This policy applies to all levels of government and the health-care system in Canada.

Policy Objectives

The policy objectives are to:

1. Promote evidence-based policies to address the public health impacts of firearm violence
2. Educate health professionals on the prevention and management of firearm-related injuries
3. Support research on the public health impacts of firearm violence
4. Advocate for policies that reduce the availability of firearms to those at risk of committing or
   suffering firearm-related injuries

Implementation

Health-care providers can take a proactive role in preventing firearm-related injuries by
"violence screening" in the clinical setting. This involves asking patients about firearm
ownership and use, as well as assessing for signs of firearm violence. This can help
identify individuals at risk of firearm-related injuries and facilitate appropriate care.

Conclusion

The CMA recognizes the importance of evidence-based policies to address the public
health impacts of firearm violence. This policy provides guidance to health-care
professionals and policymakers on the development and implementation of evidence-based
policies to reduce the burden of disease associated with firearm violence.

References

This policy is based on the following references:


Appendix

This appendix contains additional information on firearm violence, including:

- Evidence-based policies for the reduction of firearm violence
- Violence-screening tools for health-care providers
- Resources for health-care providers on firearm violence

Appendix is available upon request.

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policymakers on the development and implementation of evidence-based policies to address
the public health impacts of firearm violence.
CMA Letter – Bill C-30 Implementation
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14442

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2021-06-24

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Health systems, system funding and performance
Consensus statement on networks for high-quality rural anesthesia, surgery, and obstetric care in Canada
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