Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

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RATIONALE

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has made it a priority to work towards developing sustainable health systems in Canada. This policy document outlines the rationale behind the development of environmentally sustainable health systems, highlighting the importance of integrating environmental considerations into health system planning and operations. It emphasizes the need for a holistic approach that considers the interconnections between health and the environment, aiming to create a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable healthcare system.

The CMA recognizes that sustainable health systems are integral to achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being, and Goal 13: Climate Action. This document seeks to inform policy decisions and guide the development of health systems that are not only responsive to the health needs of Canadians but also contribute to the preservation of natural resources and the health of the planet.

The policy is aligned with international health and environmental frameworks and initiatives, including the World Health Organization’s Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Madrid Summit on Mental Health and Climate Change, which underscore the importance of addressing the health impacts of climate change and the need to develop healthcare systems that are resilient and equitable.

This document provides a comprehensive overview of the challenges facing sustainable health systems in Canada, including the need to address health inequities, improve access to care, and ensure financial sustainability. It highlights the role of healthcare providers in promoting health, preventing disease, and managing the environmental impacts of healthcare activities, advocating for policies that support integrated, intersectoral approaches to health and environment.

The CMA encourages collaboration with all levels of government, local health authorities, the private sector, and stakeholders to implement the recommendations outlined in this policy, fostering a more sustainable and equitable health system for all Canadians.
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Dr. Katherine Smart
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Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Older Adults Across Canada  

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