Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

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RATIONALS
The Canadian Medical Association recognizes the importance of sustainable health systems in achieving population health, health equity, and positive health outcomes. This policy document outlines the rationale for the development of environmentally sustainable health systems in Canada.

The Canadian Medical Association supports the integration of environmental sustainability into the design, operation, and maintenance of health systems. This includes the development of strategies and policies that promote the efficient use of resources, reduce waste, and minimize the environmental impact of health care activities.

Health systems should adopt practices that incorporate environmental sustainability, such as reducing waste and increasing the use of renewable energy sources. This not only contributes to the conservation of natural resources but also improves public health by reducing exposure to environmental hazards.

The CMA advocates for the development of policies and programs that support sustainable health systems. This includes the allocation of resources for research and innovation in sustainable health care practices, as well as the engagement of stakeholders in the planning and implementation of sustainable health systems.

Documents
CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
CMA 2023 Pre-budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14490

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-10-06
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Documents
CMA Recommendations on Canada’s First National Adaptation Strategy: Addressing the health impacts of climate change
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14484

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Documents
CMA Letter to the Council of the Federation regarding the Council of the Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities (health workforce, primary care, labour mobility)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14486

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Documents
CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14476

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2022-05-13

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14475

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TOPICS: Health systems, system funding and performance
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 9, 2022
Thank against subcommittee.
Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14474

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2022-05-03

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

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

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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
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Documents

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

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

March 28, 2022

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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14471

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Health systems, system funding and performance
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Documents
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14469

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- 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. E. Turcotte, President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 16, 2022

(Transcript available online)
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14468

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Parliamentary submission

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2022-02-15

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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
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Documents

Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
February 15, 2022

CMA submission
Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14461

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Parliamentary submission

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2021-11-17

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Population health, health equity, public health
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Documents
New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14463

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Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-11-16

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism
The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14455

POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
DATE: 2021-10-20
TOPICS: Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14456

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DATE  2021-10-04
TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Vaccine certificates
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14448

Documents

1. Vaccine certificates: The Canadian Medical Association has developed a voluntary vaccine certification program to help ensure the safety and health of patients and healthcare workers. The program includes a multi-layered approach to vaccine verification, including electronic and paper-based verification systems. Participants in the program are required to provide proof of vaccination status to access healthcare facilities.
2. Ethics and Professionalism: The program is designed to promote ethical and professional behavior in the provision of healthcare services. It emphasizes the importance of transparency and accountability in vaccine management.
3. Population Health: By promoting vaccine confidence, the program aims to improve population health outcomes and reduce inequalities in access to vaccines.

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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TOPICS
Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Vaccine acceptance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14450

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

Documents
Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

Fully vaccinated

1. Canada should advocate for the equitable distribution of vaccines globally. The CMA has noted that countries with higher per capita vaccine doses have lower COVID-19 cases and lower mortality rates, while the gap between high- and low-income countries continues to widen. The CMA also notes that there is a need for a rapid increase in vaccine production and distribution to meet the needs of all countries.

2. The CMA recommends that all countries, regardless of their size or wealth, work to ensure that their citizens have access to vaccines. This includes supporting the development and production of vaccines in low- and middle-income countries, as well as facilitating the equitable distribution of vaccines through international cooperation and coordination.

3. The CMA supports the use of technology to improve vaccine distribution and ensure that vaccines reach those in need. This includes the use of digital tools to track vaccine doses and ensure that they are delivered to people who need them most.

4. The CMA recommends that all countries prioritize the distribution of vaccines to vulnerable populations, including those in low-income countries and those who are not able to access vaccines through traditional channels.

5. The CMA supports the development and implementation of policies to ensure that vaccines are affordable and accessible to all. This includes the use of price controls and the development of new financing mechanisms to ensure that vaccines are available to all who need them.

6. The CMA recommends that all countries work to improve vaccine effectiveness through the development of new vaccines and the strengthening of existing vaccines. This includes the development of vaccines that are effective against different strains of the virus, as well as the development of vaccines that are effective in different populations.

7. The CMA supports the use of data to inform vaccine distribution and ensure that vaccines are delivered to those who need them most. This includes the use of data to track vaccine doses and to ensure that vaccines are delivered to people who need them most.