Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

RATIONALS

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) encourages the development of policies that support the integration of environmental sustainability into the delivery of health care services. This approach aligns with the principles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which emphasize the importance of environmental sustainability in achieving equitable and sustainable development for all.

The integration of environmental sustainability into health care services can lead to several benefits, including improved health outcomes, reduced environmental impact, and cost savings. By promoting sustainable practices, health care systems can contribute to the larger goal of achieving a healthy and sustainable planet.

The CMA recognizes the need for comprehensive approaches that address both the upstream and downstream facets of health care, including the reduction of waste and carbon emissions, as well as the implementation of strategies that promote the health of the environment.

The CMA supports policies that encourage the adoption of sustainable practices within the health care sector, including the implementation of green building practices, the use of renewable energy sources, and the optimization of resource use.

The integration of environmental sustainability into health care services requires a multidisciplinary approach that involves stakeholders from various sectors, including government, industry, and the public.

The CMA encourages health care providers to take a leadership role in promoting environmental sustainability within their organizations and to advocate for policies that support this vision.

The CMA also recognizes the need for ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the impact of environmental sustainability initiatives within the health care sector, as well as the need for continuous improvement in these efforts.

The CMA supports the development of partnerships and collaborations among stakeholders to achieve common goals related to environmental sustainability in health care.
CMA Recommendations on Canada’s First National Adaptation Strategy: Addressing the health impacts of climate change
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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)
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