Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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In key decision recommendations:

1. The decision to disclose vaccination status should be made by the physician in consultation with the patient, taking into account the patient's medical history and the patient's wishes.
2. The decision to disclose vaccination status should be based on a risk-benefit assessment, taking into account the potential benefits of disclosure, such as increased public confidence in the vaccine, and the potential risks, such as potential discrimination or stigmatization.
3. The physician should consider the patient's confidentiality preferences and the patient's right to privacy.
4. The physician should ensure that any disclosure of vaccination status is done in a respectful and non-judgmental manner.

Entities:

Physicians, patients, public health organizations, regulatory bodies.
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Introduction

1. The COVID-19 vaccine is a global health crisis, the current pandemic requires a global response that involves leadership at all levels, including governments, international organizations, and the private sector. The vaccine is essential to limit the spread of the virus and protect public health.
2. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of the vaccine in controlling the pandemic and supports efforts to ensure equitable access to the vaccine.
3. To this end, the CMA has recommended that the government of Canada support the development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines by providing funding for vaccine research and development, and by working with international partners to ensure that vaccines are available to all.

Policy positions recommendation

1. The CMA encourages the government of Canada to participate in the global vaccine initiative, including the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A).
2. The CMA recommends that the government of Canada support a temporary, multilateral, temporary, and unconditional suspension of intellectual property rights (IPRs) under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).
3. The CMA encourages the government of Canada to support the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) mechanism for the voluntary use of patents and copyrights, in order to facilitate the production and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.
4. The CMA recommends that the government of Canada support the development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines by providing funding for vaccine research and development, and by working with international partners to ensure that vaccines are available to all.

Conclusion

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of intellectual property rights in the global response to the pandemic. The CMA supports efforts to ensure that intellectual property rights do not hinder the development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines, and encourages the government of Canada to support the development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines by providing funding for vaccine research and development, and by working with international partners to ensure that vaccines are available to all.

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Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 – open letter
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Addendum to DPD Physician-Related Expenses in the Pre-Budget Submission

December 2019

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) pleased to submit the following pre-budget submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance. Additionally, the CMA would like to meet with the Minister of Finance for further discussion.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Full funding of government services and hospitals must be restored. Funding for essential services, including primary care, must be increased. A 2.5% cap on the Medicare cost growth should be removed. The impact of the pandemic is unacceptable.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Reduce the administrative burden on physicians, including the elimination of the “summary attachment” of all emails and the requirement to summarize attachments on a daily basis. Prevent the imposition of any new restrictions on medical practice.

RECOMMENDATION 3

Ensure that the government provides clear, transparent, and financial support to health care and hospital services during the pandemic. The government should consider a temporary increase in the Medicare cost growth. The government should also consider providing additional funding to the provinces for pandemic preparedness.

RECOMMENDATION 4

Consider a temporary increase in the Medicare cost growth. The government should also consider providing additional funding to the provinces for pandemic preparedness.

RECOMMENDATION 5

The CMA recommends that the government focus on ensuring that COVID-19 vaccination is accessible to all Canadians. The government should also consider providing additional funding to the provinces for pandemic preparedness.

RECOMMENDATION 6

The CMA recommends that the government focus on ensuring that COVID-19 vaccination is accessible to all Canadians. The government should also consider providing additional funding to the provinces for pandemic preparedness.
Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll
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Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy:
Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll
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Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14247

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Documents
Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19
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Promoting medicine as a career for rural high school students (Resolution BD88-03-78)

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Documents
The treating physician’s role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2013)

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10754

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REPLACES  The physician’s role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2010)
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Documents
Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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Health Canada consultation on reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products
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Documents
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers
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         Ethics and medical professionalism
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CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

Cannabis for Medical Purposes

CMA POLICY

Policy Statement
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the unique requirements of how individuals suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease (for which conventional medical treatment options have been exhausted or are contraindicated) perceive their pain.

Precautions should be taken to ensure measures to support quality-of-life or palliative care are clearly distinguished from those used for medical purposes, and such needs

The CMA needs to be able to retain a positive role in the preventive and curative care of all patients. The CMA recommends the following recommendations in the field of pain management:

1. Increase support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the safety and efficacy of cannabis.

2. Increase support for the development and implementation of research and education initiatives.

3. Increase support for the development of clinical guidelines for the safe and effective use of cannabis.

The CMA recommends that funding be provided to support these initiatives, and that funding be provided to support the development of clinical guidelines for the safe and effective use of cannabis.
Medication use and seniors (Update 2017)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10151

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Documents
A new vision for Canada: family practice— the patient’s medical home 2019
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Documents
Health Canada consultation on edible cannabis, extracts & topicals
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