CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy positions recommendation

1. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to participate in the global dialogue, including with the World Trade Organization, about intellectual property protection mechanisms and how they may impact the equitable distribution of vaccines and medical supplies.
2. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to support temporary, non-exclusive licences, where feasible, to facilitate access to vaccines and medical supplies in low-resource settings.
3. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to recognize the importance of public health and to support measures that optimize access to vaccines and medical supplies.
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Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a global health crisis. The medical and health communities, public health authorities, and governments around the world have come together to address this crisis. One of the most significant challenges has been the development and availability of vaccines.

In this rapidly evolving situation, the CMA is committed to supporting the development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, while also ensuring that they are accessible to all who need them.

The CMA believes that the equitable distribution of vaccines is critical to global health security.

The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to support measures that optimize access to vaccines and medical supplies.
Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

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INTRODUCTION

The problem of drug use is complex and intertwined with issues such as mental health, poverty, and addiction. However, there is an opportunity to address it through a harm reduction approach. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has long advocated for a public health strategy that prioritizes the safety of individuals over punishment. This includes measures to reduce the harms associated with drug use, such as access to safe drug supply, treatment programs, and support services.

SYNOPSIS OF CHANGING TRENDS

Recent changes in the international drug policy landscape have shifted the focus from a punitive approach to one that emphasizes harm reduction. This shift is driven by a growing recognition of the limitations of criminalization, which has not effectively addressed drug-related harms or reduced the demand for drugs. Instead, it has contributed to the proliferation of organized crime and the exploitation of vulnerable populations.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED POLICY

The proposed policy advocates for a harm reduction approach that includes measures to reduce the harms associated with drug use. This includes the decriminalization of drug possession for personal use, the expansion of access to treatment and harm reduction services, and the implementation of public health strategies to support individuals and communities affected by drug use.

ENDNOTE

1 This section outlines the rationale and evidence supporting the proposed harm reduction measures. For a comprehensive review of the evidence, please refer to the sources listed in the references section.

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Promoting medicine as a career for rural high school students (Resolution BD88-03-78)

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RURAL AND REMOTE PRACTICE ISSUES

1 The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) believes that the distribution of physicians in the provinces and territories of Canada is an important issue for all Canadians. It is essential that the population be served by a distribution of physicians that is appropriate to their needs. The CMA has long supported strategies to improve access to services in remote areas, where physicians are in shortest supply.

The treating physician's role in helping patients return to work after an illness

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
The treating physician's role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2013)

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CMA POLICY

Cannabis for Medical Purposes

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the unique requirements of those individuals suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease for which conventional therapies have not been effective and for whom cannabis (marijuana) may provide benefit.

However, there is a need for ongoing research to support current medical practice. These recommendations will be reviewed and updated as new medical evidence becomes available.

The CMA endorses the following recommendations:

1. Increase support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the medical use of cannabis. This includes research into the safety, efficacy and potential adverse effects of cannabis.
2. Appoint a cross-disciplinary expert panel to develop guidelines for the medical use of cannabis in pain management and other clinical settings.
3. Increase support for the implementation of evidence-based guidelines for the medical use of cannabis.

The CMA encourages healthcare professionals to provide compassionate care and to support evidence-based practice in the medical use of cannabis.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
MEDICATION USE AND SENIORS

(UPDATE 2017)

The Canadian Medical Association recommends that seniors use the least amount of medication necessary to achieve the best health outcomes. This includes:

1. Avoiding unnecessary medication whenever possible.
2. Using medication cautiously and only when necessary.
3. Regularly reviewing medication regimens for seniors to ensure they are appropriate and safe.
4. Encouraging shared decision-making between seniors, caregivers, and healthcare providers.

What the Canadian Medical Association recommends:

- Regularly reviewing medication regimens for seniors to ensure they are appropriate and safe.
- Encouraging shared decision-making between seniors, caregivers, and healthcare providers.
- Avoiding unnecessary medication whenever possible.
- Using medication cautiously and only when necessary.

In conclusion, the Canadian Medical Association recommends that seniors use the least amount of medication necessary to achieve the best health outcomes.
Vision for e-Prescribing: a joint statement by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Pharmacists Association

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