Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online

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Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

In the context of physician practice, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that physicians disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status to patients. This practice is intended to promote transparency and build trust in the health care system.

1. Physicians shall disclose their COVID-19 vaccination status to patients in a manner that respects patient confidentiality and dignity.
2. The disclosure of vaccination status should be voluntary and at the patient’s discretion, respecting the patient’s autonomy.
3. If the physician’s vaccination status is not known or cannot be determined, the patient should be informed of this limitation.
4. Physicians should consider the appropriateness of disclosing their vaccination status in light of specific patient circumstances, such as patients with underlying medical conditions or those who have already been vaccinated.
5. The CMA encourages the development of guidelines and resources to support physicians in disclosing their vaccination status effectively and ethically.

For further information and resources, please refer to the CMA’s COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy document

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Physician practice, compensation, forms

Introduction

1. The COVID-19 pandemic is spurring interest in intellectual property (IP) related to vaccines, as governments around the world are considering measures to ensure global access to vaccines. Intellectual property laws can play a key role in promoting vaccine development, access, and production.

2. The pandemic has highlighted the critical importance of ensuring global access to vaccines. The World Health Organization (WHO) has made vaccine accessibility a priority, calling for global cooperation to address the supply chain and ensure equitable distribution.

3. International cooperation and sharing of technology and intellectual property can help accelerate vaccine production and distribution, limiting the impact of the pandemic on public health.

Policy Recommendations

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that governments:

   a. Work with the World Health Organization (WHO) to ensure vaccines are made available globally.

   b. Support the development of open-source vaccine technologies to enhance accessibility and reduce costs.

   c. Advocate for flexible intellectual property rules to facilitate international cooperation in vaccine production.

2. The CMA encourages policymakers to:

   a. Consider waiving or temporarily relaxing intellectual property rights to facilitate access to vaccines.

   b. Promote transparency in patent-related decision-making to ensure public health interests are prioritized.

   c. Support international initiatives that aim to strengthen global health security, such as the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA).

Conclusion

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of global health security and the need for equitable access to vaccines. Intellectual property policies play a crucial role in this context, and continued international collaboration is essential to addressing the challenges presented by the pandemic.
The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change - Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
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Documents
**Vaccine certificates**

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
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Documents
Vaccine acceptance

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Documents
Global vaccine equity

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

Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendation:

1. Governments must make vaccination efforts accessible to all, including marginalized and vulnerable populations.
2. Equality and non-discrimination principles must be included in national and international guidelines.
3. Consideration of equity in the distribution of vaccines should be a priority.
4. Transparency in vaccine allocation processes is crucial.
5. The development and implementation of strategies to ensure vaccine equity should be a global health priority.

Supporting evidence:

1. High-income countries have access to a larger number of vaccines.
2. Low-income countries often struggle to obtain vaccines due to financial constraints.
3. The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) supports the equitable distribution of vaccines.
4. The World Health Organization (WHO) advocates for global vaccine equity.

Conclusion:

Global vaccine equity is imperative for achieving health for all and reducing health disparities. Policies must be developed and implemented to ensure that vaccines are accessible and affordable for all populations worldwide.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Policy recommendation

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following principles guide the return to school and other settings for children and adolescents:

1. The CMA supports the following recommendations to guide the return to school and other settings for children and adolescents:

   - Health and safety measures should be implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2.
   - Classroom settings should be configured to maximize social distancing and reduce the risk of transmission.
   - The use of masks by staff and students should be encouraged.
   - Hand hygiene and sanitation measures should be reinforced.
   - Regular testing and isolation of individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 should be implemented.
   - Contact tracing and early case identification should be prioritized.
   - Effective communication with families and stakeholders should be maintained.
   - Measures to support mental health and well-being should be considered.

2. The CMA recommends that schools and other educational institutions:

   - Implement comprehensive health and safety plans that consider the needs of all students.
   - Develop strategies to support the mental health and well-being of students.
   - Provide ongoing support for families and caregivers.
   - Ensure that all students have access to necessary support services.
   - Engage in regular communication with families and stakeholders.
   - Review and adapt plans as necessary based on changing circumstances.

3. The CMA recommends that the federal, provincial, and territorial governments:

   - Provide clear, consistent, and evidence-based guidance to support the safe return to school and other settings for children and adolescents.
   - Ensure that schools and other educational institutions have the resources needed to implement effective health and safety plans.
   - Support the mental health and well-being of students, families, and educators.
   - Communicate regularly with stakeholders to ensure that support is available as needed.
   - Review and adapt guidance as necessary based on changing circumstances.

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)
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Documents
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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association

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Firearms Control
Date: 2021

Introduction
In 2013, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) published a policy on the
use of firearms by licensed physicians. The policy called for a comprehensive
approach to addressing the issue of firearms in Canada, including measures to
reduce the availability of firearms and to address the underlying social and
economic factors that contribute to gun violence. The policy also
recommended the development of additional research and education
activities to promote understanding of the complex issues surrounding
firearm control.

Since the publication of the 2013 policy, there have been significant
developments in the field of firearms control, including the introduction of new
laws and regulations in some provinces and territories. These changes
have led to ongoing discussions and debates about the appropriate measures
to address the issue of firearm control in Canada.

In light of these developments, the CMA has updated its policy on
firearms control to reflect the current state of knowledge and the evolving
context in which firearm control is being considered.

The updated policy builds on the recommendations of the 2013 policy and
provides a framework for ongoing discussions and actions to address the
issue of firearm control in Canada. The policy calls for a comprehensive
approach to addressing the issue of firearms, including measures to
reduce the availability of firearms and to address the underlying social and
economic factors that contribute to gun violence. The policy also
recommends the development of additional research and education
activities to promote understanding of the complex issues surrounding
firearm control.

The updated policy is intended to provide a clear and consistent
framework for ongoing discussions and actions to address the issue of
firearm control in Canada. The policy is designed to be flexible and
responsive to the evolving context in which firearm control is being
considered, and it will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains
relevant and effective.

The updated policy is available on the CMA's website at
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14401

Additional information and resources related to the issue of firearm
control are available on the CMA's website, including links to relevant
research studies, reports, and other materials.

Documents

- Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and
- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association

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Documents
The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults
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Documents
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Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021
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Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021

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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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Recommendations for equitable COVID-19 pandemic recovery in Canada

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Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health: 
Study on the Emergency Situation Facing Canadians in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
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