CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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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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Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

Policy document

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Physician practice, compensation, forms

Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

In the context of recognizing the importance of clear communication about vaccination status, physicians may choose to disclose their vaccination status to patients. This disclosure is intended to provide transparency and informed consent, allowing patients to make educated decisions about their health care. However, it is important to consider the potential implications and ethical considerations associated with this practice.

1. **Confidentiality**: Physicians must ensure that information regarding vaccination status is kept confidential and handled with the same level of privacy and security as other health information. This is particularly important in jurisdictions with strict data protection laws.

2. **Consent**: Patients should be informed about the physician's vaccination status and given the opportunity to express consent or seek further information. Consent should be clearly documented.

3. **Non-discrimination**: Physicians should avoid any form of discrimination or stigmatization based on vaccination status. This includes respecting the autonomy of patients who choose not to disclose their vaccination status.

4. **Education and Awareness**: Physicians should be educated about the benefits and risks of vaccination, as well as the latest public health recommendations. This knowledge helps in providing informed consent and addressing patient concerns.

5. **Ethical Considerations**: The decision to disclose vaccination status should be guided by ethical principles, including beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy, and justice. Physicians must weigh the potential benefits of disclosure against its potential risks and consequences for patient trust and health outcomes.

6. **Legal Implications**: Understanding local legal frameworks is crucial for ensuring compliance with data protection and health information laws. Physicians should be aware of any specific regulations that govern the disclosure of vaccination status.

7. **Peer Support**: Sharing information with other healthcare professionals can provide support and guidance on how to address vaccination status disclosure in a manner that aligns with professional and ethical standards.

8. **Public Health Impact**: Disclosing vaccination status can contribute to the collective effort to control the spread of COVID-19, particularly in communities where vaccination rates are low. However, this should be balanced with concerns about privacy and data protection.

9. **Secondary Use**: The disclosure of vaccination status should not lead to secondary uses of health information, such as for marketing or other unrelated purposes. This ensures that the primary intent of disclosure is maintained.

10. **Feedback and Review**: Continuous feedback from patients and other stakeholders is essential for improving the approach to disclosing vaccination status. Regular review of policies and procedures can help address emerging concerns and ensure alignment with best practices.

It is important to note that the approach to disclosing vaccination status may vary depending on local policies, public health guidelines, and cultural contexts. Physicians should engage in ongoing education and consultation to make informed decisions that respect patient autonomy and confidentiality.
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy
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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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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to protect themselves, their families, communities, and health care system.
2. Current evidence suggests that COVID-19 vaccines are effective in preventing severe illness and death. 
3. Vaccine acceptance is crucial for the success of vaccination efforts. 
4. Health care workers should be encouraged to adhere to infection prevention and control practices. 
5. Health care workers who are not vaccinated should be offered vaccination options. 
6. Health care workers should be monitored for adverse events following vaccination. 

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Vaccine acceptance
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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Global vaccine equity

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

Global vaccine equity

Fully participate and contribute to the achievement of global health and development goals.

1. Canada must promote and support equitable access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment at global, national and international levels, including in countries with limited capacity. Through its international development assistance, Canada should support equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines as part of national and international immunization strategies. In Canada, health system responses to COVID-19 should ensure equity in access to vaccines, including for vulnerable populations.

2. Canada must adopt a global health policy that is based on equity and the principles of international cooperation and solidarity, including in terms of access to health technologies, such as vaccines, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. At the domestic level, Canada should continue to support the Canadian international aid system, including through the international aid agency, Global Affairs Canada, and through its bilateral aid programs.

3. Canada must continue to support the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations (UN) as key platforms for global health governance, and to support WHO initiatives to strengthen global health security and resilience, such as the Emergency Telecommunication Center. Canada should support WHO initiatives to enhance global health governance and to strengthen health systems in developing countries, including through its contributions to the Global Health Security Fund.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Health care and patient safety
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Documents

Return to school during COVID-19

Policy recommendation

1. The CMA’s (Canadian Medical Association) policies regarding vaccine acceptance and refusal apply to school-aged children. This document provides information and advice for schools and school boards.

2. The CMA supports the concept of a single-source strategy for health care providers. This includes the use of a single-source supply of vaccines for all children.

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy recommendation

1. The Canadian government should consider the interchangeability of vaccines, as established by the International Consensus Group on Interchangeability of Biologics (ICGIB). The ICGIB recognizes that certain vaccines, including those recommended for use in the treatment of COVID-19, may be interchangeably used to achieve the desired therapeutic effect in patients.

2. The Canadian government should consider the development of a national framework for the interchangeability of vaccines, including the establishment of a national registry for vaccine interchangeability.

3. The Canadian government should collaborate with international partners to ensure the interchangeability of vaccines within the Canadian healthcare system.

Interchangeability of vaccines

- Interchangeability of vaccines is the ability of different vaccines to achieve the same therapeutic effect in patients.
- Interchangeability of vaccines is determined by the pharmacological properties of the vaccine and the immune response of the patient.
- Interchangeability of vaccines is important in situations where a specific vaccine is not available or is contraindicated for a particular patient.

Interchangeability of vaccines in Canada

- The Canadian government should establish a national framework for the interchangeability of vaccines, including the establishment of a national registry for vaccine interchangeability.
- The Canadian government should collaborate with international partners to ensure the interchangeability of vaccines within the Canadian healthcare system.

Interchangeability of vaccines and immunization

- Interchangeability of vaccines and immunization is important in situations where a specific vaccine is not available or is contraindicated for a particular patient.
- Interchangeability of vaccines and immunization is determined by the pharmacological properties of the vaccine and the immune response of the patient.
- Interchangeability of vaccines and immunization is important in public health emergencies, such as pandemics.
Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

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The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults
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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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Population health, health equity, public health
Health information and e-health

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Recommendations for equitable COVID-19 pandemic recovery in Canada

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