Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

1. The Canadian Medical Association recognizes that physicians have a responsibility to disclose their vaccination status to patients. This information should be shared in a manner that is patient-centered and respectful.

2. Physicians should disclose their vaccination status to patients in the following situations:
   a. When discussing vaccination options with patients.
   b. When discussing potential side effects or contraindications to vaccination.
   c. When discussing the importance of vaccination for public health.

3. Physicians should not disclose their vaccination status for the purpose of influencing patient decisions regarding vaccination.

4. Physicians should be mindful of the potential for disclosure of vaccination status to be used for purposes other than those intended by the physician.

5. Physicians should ensure that any disclosures of vaccination status are made in a manner that respects patient confidentiality.

6. Physicians should be aware of any local or provincial regulations regarding the disclosure of vaccination status.

7. Physicians should be prepared to address any patient questions or concerns regarding vaccination status.

8. Physicians should be aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from the disclosure of vaccination status.

9. Physicians should be aware of any potential legal or ethical considerations related to the disclosure of vaccination status.

10. Physicians should be aware of any potential consequences of disclosure of vaccination status that may affect patient trust or confidence in the physician.

11. Physicians should be aware of any potential consequences of disclosure of vaccination status that may affect the physician's professional reputation.

12. Physicians should be aware of any potential consequences of disclosure of vaccination status that may affect the provision of care to other patients.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

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COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy position recommendation

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that the Government of Canada take steps to ensure that intellectual property rights related to COVID-19 vaccines are made available on affordable terms to all countries, particularly low- and middle-income countries, in order to facilitate equitable access to vaccines worldwide. This includes the following recommendations:

1. The CMA recommends that the Government of Canada participate in the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, a global initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO) to increase vaccine supplies and ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

2. The CMA recommends that the Government of Canada support a temporary, multilateral moratorium on patent enforcement related to COVID-19 vaccines, consistent with the recommendations of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

3. The CMA recommends that the Government of Canada explore options to facilitate technology transfer and support the production of COVID-19 vaccines in low- and middle-income countries.

4. The CMA recommends that the Government of Canada work with international organizations and partners to develop and implement a framework for sharing intellectual property related to COVID-19 vaccines.

The CMA believes that these measures are necessary to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines are made available on affordable terms to all countries, particularly low- and middle-income countries, in order to facilitate equitable access to vaccines worldwide.
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Addendum to the 2020-08-07 Submission to the Pre-budget Consultation

In order to adequately fund health services, it is imperative to consider the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1:

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"We are working closely with the federal and provincial governments to ensure that health-care providers have the support they need to continue providing care during this crisis. This includes ensuring that personal protective equipment is readily available to all health-care providers.

We are committed to supporting and empowering health-care providers and their patients during this unprecedented time. We encourage all Canadians to follow public health guidelines and to stay informed about developments in the COVID-19 pandemic.

We urge all levels of government to take immediate action to ensure the health and safety of our health-care providers and the communities they serve."
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A MEDICAL INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE – SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS, THE ECONOMIC ENGINE OF CANADA

Submission to the Department of Finance consultation on tax planning using private corporations
October 3, 2017
THIRD-PARTY FORMS
(Update 2017)

RATIONAL

The increase in demand for electronic and internet-based applications for third-party payers to be able to access medical information electronically has increased the need for a standardized approach to third-party forms. As a result, the Third-party Forms: The Physician’s Role (Update 2010) was developed to provide physicians with guidance on how to handle such requests.

SCOPE OF POLICY

Third-party forms are electronic or internet-based applications that require third-party payers to be able to access medical information electronically. These forms are used to submit claims, request payments, and to verify medical information.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The physician’s role is to provide medical information to third-party payers for the purpose of obtaining payment for services rendered to patients. This information should be accurate, complete, and relevant.

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Federal tax proposal risks negative consequences for health care delivery

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Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PHYSICIANS
RECOMMENDING MOBILE HEALTH APPLICATIONS
TO PATIENTS

The document is designed to guide health professionals on how to use mobile health applications to enhance the management of the patient's health, health care, and health information.

These guidelines build on the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Practice Guidelines for Electronic Health Information.

Background

1. Mobile health applications, devices, and associated technologies may be used to enhance communication and collaboration between patients and healthcare providers.
2. Healthcare providers should be aware of the potential benefits and limitations of mobile health applications.
3. Healthcare providers should ensure that patients are aware of the risks and benefits associated with mobile health applications.
4. Healthcare providers should be familiar with the legal and ethical implications of mobile health applications.

Implementation

1. Healthcare providers should obtain informed consent from patients before recommending mobile health applications.
2. Healthcare providers should ensure that patients are aware of the potential risks and benefits associated with mobile health applications.
3. Healthcare providers should ensure that patients are aware of the legal and ethical implications of mobile health applications.
4. Healthcare providers should provide guidance and support to patients using mobile health applications.

Conclusion

Mobile health applications can improve the management of patient health, health care, and health information. However, healthcare providers should be aware of the potential risks and benefits associated with mobile health applications and provide appropriate support and guidance to patients.

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