Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

1. The disclosure of COVID-19 vaccination status by physicians is an important aspect of patient care and consent. Physicians should disclose their vaccination status to patients in a timely and transparent manner.

2. The purpose of disclosure is to ensure patients are informed about the potential risks and benefits of vaccines, including the possibility of adverse reactions or contraindications.

3. Physicians should disclose their vaccination status in a professional and respectful manner, ensuring that the information is presented clearly and accurately.

4. The disclosure should be part of the overall patient-physician relationship and should be consistent with the principles of informed consent.

5. Patients should have the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns about the vaccination status of their physician.

6. The disclosure should be documented in the patient's medical record to ensure transparency and accountability.

7. The disclosure of vaccination status should be provided in a manner that respects patient privacy and confidentiality.

8. The disclosure should be updated as new information becomes available or as the physician's vaccination status changes.

9. The disclosure should be consistent with relevant policies and guidelines, including those set by regulatory bodies and professional organizations.

10. Physicians should ensure that their disclosure practices are in line with national and local health directives and guidelines.

11. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of transparency and accountability in healthcare.

12. Physicians should be transparent about any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from disclosing their vaccination status.

13. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of patient autonomy and informed consent.

14. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of trust and confidence between physicians and patients.

15. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of education and public health advocacy.

16. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of ethical practice and professional responsibility.

17. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of health literacy and patient engagement.

18. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of patient-centered care and patient safety.

19. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of public health and public trust.

20. The disclosure should be consistent with the principles of accountability and transparency in healthcare.
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy document

2021-10-22

Physician practice, compensation, forms

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that governments support the global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

2. The CMA recommends that governments prioritize the provision of COVID-19 vaccines for the most vulnerable populations.

3. The CMA recommends that governments support the development of COVID-19 vaccines through public-private partnerships.

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Documents
Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll
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to the Consultation on
the Canada Emergency
Wage Subsidy:
Keeping Medical
Clinic Employees
on the Payroll
June 5, 2020
Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19

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March 23, 2020

Debbie Dugdale, M.D.
Canadian Medical Association
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Debbie,

We are writing to provide support and to offer our assistance in our efforts to protect and support Canada’s health-care providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, the health-care system is under unprecedented stress due to the rapid spread of COVID-19. The pandemic has placed a significant strain on our health-care providers, who are working tirelessly to meet the needs of patients and the public.

We understand the challenges that you and your colleagues are facing, and we want to assure you that the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is here to support you.

We have established a COVID-19 Task Force to coordinate our efforts and ensure that we are providing timely and effective support. The Task Force is working closely with other health-care organizations and governments to ensure that our recommendations are timely and effective.

We are committed to providing guidance and support to our members and the health-care community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Canadian Medical Association
Rural and remote practice issues
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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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The physician's role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2010)

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Documents
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers
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Auditing Physician Billings

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Documents

Auditing Physician Billings:

Purpose:
- The CMA has developed and is implementing an auditing system through which physicians may review their billing practices. This provides an opportunity to optimize the use of resources and, if required, to modify billing processes to ensure equitable access to medically necessary services.

Advisory:
- The CMA recommends that physicians conduct their own audits to monitor their billing practices and to identify any systemic issues. This can be done through the development of specific guidelines and procedures to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and principles.

Principles:
- The principles of physician billing should focus on the equitable and transparent billing of services to ensure that patients receive the best possible care.
- Audits should be conducted to ensure that billing practices are consistent with the guidelines established by the CMA and other relevant authorities.

Precautions:
- Physicians should ensure that billing practices are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Feedback from colleagues and patients should be considered in the process of auditing and improving billing practices.


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A new vision for Canada: family practice— the patient’s medical home 2019

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**Documents**
Maintaining Ontario’s leadership on prohibiting the use of sick notes for short medical leaves
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13934

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents

CMA submission:
MAINTAINING ONTARIO’S LEADERSHIP ON PROHIBITING THE USE OF SICK NOTES FOR SHORT MEDICAL LEAVES

Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
November 13, 2014
A medical industry perspective – supporting small business, the economic engine of Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13731

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TOPICS: Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Third-party forms (Update 2017)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13643

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REPLACES  
Third-party Forms: The Physician’s Role (Update 2010)
Short-Term Illness Certificate

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## The physician appointment and reappointment process 2016

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### Conclusion

The implementation of the physician appointment and reappointment process 2016 aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the process. Key components include:

- **Health human resources**: Ensuring that physician appointments are made based on the needs of the population.
- **Physician practice, compensation, forms**: Streamlining the reappointment process for current appointees and ensuring fair compensation.

**Impact**

- Increased patient satisfaction due to timely appointments.
- Improved physician retention rates.

**Recommendation**

- Develop a clear and transparent appointment process.
- Provide ongoing training for medical practitioners to enhance their understanding of the process.

**Literature Review**

- Multiple studies have shown a correlation between efficient appointment processes and increased patient trust.
- Research indicates that streamlined appointment processes can reduce wait times significantly.

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Federal tax proposal risks negative consequences for health care delivery
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11960

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Documents
Avoiding negative consequences to health care delivery from federal taxation policy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11957

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Documents
Small business perspectives of physician medical practices in Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11846

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CMA Brief:
Small Business Perspectives of Physician Medical Practices in Canada
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

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