Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

In the current recommendations:
1. The health status of patients must be considered, and patients are informed about their oral and written care.
2. Physicians are encouraged to engage in health care practices that promote patients' autonomy, informed consent, and informed decision-making.
3. The physician-patient relationship must be based on trust and confidentiality, and patients have the right to access their medical records.
4. The physician must ensure that the patient understands the risks and benefits of the proposed interventions, and patients have the right to refuse treatment.
5. Patients have the right to decline to disclose their vaccination status to others, and physicians must respect patients' privacy and confidentiality.

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Policy Position Recommendation

1. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada participate in the global dialogue, led by the WHO, to provide equitable access to vaccines for all countries and commit to mutual non-exclusive licenses to ensure vaccines are manufactured and distributed globally. This will require the expanded use of intellectual property flexibilities under international law.

2. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada support a temporary, multinational waiver of the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement to facilitate increased production and equitable distribution of vaccines around the world.

3. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada commit to a global initiative for COVID-19 vaccines, similar to the COVAX initiative for HIV and malaria vaccines, which is essential to ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines.

4. All governments, including the Government of Canada, should support international agreements that facilitate increased production and equitable distribution of vaccines.

5. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada commit to supporting the World Health Organization’s (WHO) goal of providing equitable access to vaccines for all countries.

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