Vaccine certificates

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Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) does not support vaccine passports, or any other system that assigns a digital or numerical identifier to a person's vaccination status. The CMA believes that such systems are an unwarranted infringement on medical and personal privacy, and would not support their implementation in Canada.

2. The CMA recommends that all efforts be made to ensure that vaccines are equitably distributed around the world, in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

3. The CMA supports the use of health passport programs to facilitate safe travel, provided that they are not discriminatory and respect the human rights of all individuals.

4. The CMA calls on the federal government to ensure that any vaccine passport programs are voluntary and respect the human rights of all individuals.

5. The CMA supports the development of digital health tools that respect privacy and confidentiality, such as secure health records and electronic health passports.

6. The CMA calls on health care providers to respect the confidentiality of patient information and to use digital health tools in a manner that respects patient privacy.

7. The CMA recommends that any vaccine passport programs be developed in consultation with public health experts, privacy advocates, and other stakeholders to ensure that they respect the human rights of all individuals.

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Health passport programs are voluntary and respect the human rights of all individuals.

Digital health tools that respect privacy and confidentiality, such as secure health records and electronic health passports, are supported by the CMA.

The CMA calls on health care providers to respect the confidentiality of patient information and to use digital health tools in a manner that respects patient privacy.

Any vaccine passport programs should be developed in consultation with public health experts, privacy advocates, and other stakeholders to ensure that they respect the human rights of all individuals.
Global vaccine equity

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Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry / Recommendations for physician innovators

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PD08-01 Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions with Industry

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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
CMA Statement on Racism

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  Health care and patient safety

Documents
Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Ethics and medical professionalism
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Documents
Palliative care
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Documents
Organ and tissue donation and transplantation
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TOPICS     Ethics and medical professionalism
           Health care and patient safety

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Equity and diversity in medicine
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EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE

See also: https://policybase.cma.ca/PolicySearch?PolicyID=4365

A. RATIONALE

The purpose of this policy is to promote a culture of equity and diversity in medicine. This policy provides a framework for promoting equity and diversity in medicine, and it is intended to be applied to all practices and processes, including recruitment, selection, and performance evaluations. The policy recognizes that diversity and equity in medicine are important for the well-being of patients, for the professional development of physicians, and for the advancement of medical knowledge and practice. The policy also recognizes the importance of ensuring that all individuals have access to quality health care, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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In order to promote equity and diversity in medicine, the following principles should be considered:

1. Acknowledge the existence of systemic and institutional biases and work to address them.
2. Recognize the value of diversity and the importance of creating an inclusive environment.
3. Ensure that all individuals have access to quality health care, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
4. Recognize the importance of continuing education and professional development for all individuals.
5. Develop and implement policies and procedures that promote equity and diversity in medicine.

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Joint statement on preventing and resolving ethical conflicts involving health care providers and persons receiving care

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Documents
Principles concerning physician information
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Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Caring in a Crisis: The Ethical Obligations of Physicians and Society During a Pandemic

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy9109

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

Documents
The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system: Where do we stand?

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Documents
Medical professionalism (Update 2005)

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1936

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REPLACES  Medical professionalism (2002)
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Documents
Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing

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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

BEST PRACTICES FOR SMARTPHONE AND SMART DEVICE CLINICAL PHOTO TAKING AND SHARING

Guiding Principles
Clinical photography is intended to depict, document, or validate events or conditions. It is a permanent record that is often shared externally. Images, text, and other parts of the documentation must be used appropriately. Clinical photography must be performed in a manner that respects the patient’s right to privacy and confidentiality. Patient information should be considered when taking photos. Photos should be taken in a respectful manner that does not infringe on a patient’s rights to privacy.

Practical Tips
- Keep the patient informed and engaged throughout the process.
- Ensure that the patient understands the purpose and context of the photo.
- Respect patient preferences regarding confidentiality and privacy.
- Ensure that the photos are appropriately labeled and stored.
- Keep a record of the individual(s) who took the photos and the date.
- Consider using a consent form to ensure informed consent.

The Canadian Medical Association and its members are expected to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of patient information. Clinical photography should be performed in a manner that respects patient rights and ensures the integrity of the medical record.
CMA Policy Endorsement Guidelines
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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Principles for the protection of patient privacy
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DATE        2017-12-09
REPLACES    PD11-03 Principles for the Protection of Patients’ Personal Health Information
TOPICS      Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Charter of Shared Values: A vision for intra-professionalism for physicians

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13858

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REPLACES: CMA Charter for Physicians (Update 1999)
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Documents

Physician health
PHYSICIAN HEALTH

BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY

It is important that physicians make health decisions that are based on evidence, considering the potential benefits and harms of treatment options. In the context of patient care, the physician's role is to provide safe and effective care, ensuring that patients receive appropriate and timely care. Physicians are expected to prioritize the health and welfare of patients, and to maintain a consistent level of competency, without compromising patient safety. Therefore, it is essential for physicians to be aware of their own well-being and to seek support if needed. Physicians should be encouraged to practice self-care and to recognize the signs of burnout or other mental health issues. It is important for physicians to seek support from colleagues, family, or friends when needed. In some cases, it may be necessary for physicians to take a leave of absence to prioritize their health and well-being. The following guidelines are intended to support physicians in maintaining their own health and well-being.
Advance care planning
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Documents