Vaccine certificates

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Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that jurisdictions develop and implement mandatory COVID-19 vaccination requirements for health care workers in health care settings. This recommendation is based on evidence showing that vaccination protects the health of workers, patients, and the broader community, and that mandatory vaccination policies are more effective in achieving high vaccination rates than voluntary policies.

2. The CMA endorses the development of a comprehensive, evidence-based, and transparent plan for the implementation of mandatory vaccination policies. This plan should include measures to address concerns about confidentiality, patient access to alternative treatments, and the impact of mandatory vaccination policies on patient care.

3. The CMA encourages jurisdictions to consider the ethical implications of mandatory vaccination policies, including the need to balance the right to bodily autonomy with the need to protect public health.

4. The CMA recommends that jurisdictions establish mechanisms for addressing workplace accommodations for individuals who are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons.

5. The CMA supports the development of educational programs to inform patients, health care workers, and the public about the benefits and safety of COVID-19 vaccinations, and to address concerns about vaccine safety and effectiveness.

6. The CMA encourages jurisdictions to consider the role of vaccination in preventing outbreaks of other infectious diseases, such as influenza and measles, and to develop strategies to improve vaccination rates for these diseases as well.

7. The CMA supports the development of a national strategy to address vaccine hesitancy and to promote public health messaging on the importance of vaccination.

8. The CMA recommends that jurisdictions collaborate with other stakeholders, including public health agencies, employers, and community organizations, to promote the implementation of mandatory vaccination policies.

9. The CMA encourages jurisdictions to review and update their mandatory vaccination policies regularly, to ensure that they continue to be effective in protecting public health and to address any emerging concerns or issues.

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
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Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be offered the COVID-19 vaccine, including those who are legally entitled to refuse vaccination on religious grounds.
2. Efforts to promote and support vaccination among health care workers should include education, awareness campaigns, and support for vaccine uptake. This approach should be guided by best available evidence and be consistent with ethical principles.
3. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the development of a national strategy to promote and support vaccination among health care workers. This strategy should be based on the principles of evidence-based public health, equity, and human rights.
4. CMA encourages health care organizations to consider implementing vaccination policies that are consistent with public health recommendations and the principles of equity and human rights.

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Vaccine acceptance

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Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

Policy position recommendation:

1.3 We strongly recommend that Canada and other high-income countries offer financial support to ensure equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines worldwide. This includes providing financial resources to help support the development and production of vaccines. To ensure their equitable distribution and reach the most vulnerable, high-income countries should follow the recommendations of the Access to COVID-19 Vaccines (ACCV) initiative.

2. Suggested

2.1 Continue to strongly advocate for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to all countries, regardless of income level, to ensure global health equity.

2.2 Support initiatives that promote equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, such as the COVAX initiative, and advocate for increased financial support to ensure that these initiatives are successful.

2.3 Encourage high-income countries to use their influence to help ensure that vaccines are produced and distributed fairly, by supporting the development and production of vaccines in developing countries.

2.4 Support international health organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), to ensure that vaccines are produced and distributed in a fair and equitable manner.

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Return to school during COVID-19

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Health care and patient safety
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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy positions:

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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

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Health equity and the social determinants of health: A role for the medical profession

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Documents
Restricting marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children and youth in Canada: A Canadian health care and scientific organization policy consensus statement

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

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Determining the impact of chemical contamination on human health

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CMA CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

The Code of Ethics of the Canadian Medical Association articulates the ethical and professional standards of competence and responsibility of the medical profession. The Code sets out principles of ethical conduct and guides physicians in fulfilling their obligations to their patients, to their profession, to society, to future generations of physicians and to the patients and communities they serve. The Code reflects the values and responsibilities of the profession and sets forth the ethical standards to which all physicians are expected to aspire.

The Code of Ethics of the Canadian Medical Association (Update 2004)

Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

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Climate Change and Human Health

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Lessons from the frontlines: A collaborative report on Pandemic H1N1

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Ensuring equitable access to health care: Strategies for governments, health system planners, and the medical profession

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