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The public health response to SARS was a clear demonstration of the importance of public health to the health and well-being of Canadians. The response was a test of our ability to respond in a timely and coordinated manner to an emerging public health threat, a test that highlighted the need for better planning and resources to ensure public health preparedness.

The CMA believes that public health is a priority for the federal government and its provinces and territories. The federal government has a key role to play in ensuring the health of Canadians through the development of policies and programs that address the determinants of health. The CMA recommends that the federal government:

- Invest in public health by increasing the federal government’s investment in public health from 5% to 10% of total health spending.
- Establish a national public health agency with the expertise and resources to respond to public health emergencies.
- Support the development and implementation of public health initiatives that address the determinants of health, such as smoking and obesity.
- Invest in health research to support the development and implementation of public health policies and programs.

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- Establish a national public health agency with the expertise and resources to respond to public health emergencies.
- Support the development and implementation of public health initiatives that address the determinants of health, such as smoking and obesity.
- Invest in health research to support the development and implementation of public health policies and programs.

The CMA believes that the federal government should take a leadership role in ensuring the health of Canadians by investing in public health and by working with the provinces and territories to develop policies and programs that address the determinants of health.
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14079

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2019-03-02

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14439

POLICY TYPE  Policy endorsement
DATE  2020-12-05
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
  Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill S-209, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (prize fights)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10708

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

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2013-04-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission to the House of Commons Study on E-Cigarettes

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11437

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2014-11-27
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
         Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Canadian Medical Association submission to the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce: Higher rate now: Why excise tax on tobacco is long overdue for an increase

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11129

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2014-05-15
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Clinical guideline for homeless and vulnerably housed people, and people with lived homelessness experience
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14165

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Policy endorsement

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2019-10-17

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14259

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2020-08-07
TOPICS  Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health information and e-health
Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA’s Recommendations for Bill S-5: An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13641

POLICY TYPE: Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS: Health care and patient safety, Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents

[Image of submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology]

April 7, 2017
CMA’s Recommendations for Bill S-5 An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13918

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2018-02-15
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
  Health care and patient safety

Documents
CMA Statement on Racism

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Policy document

DATE
2020-06-02

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Health care and patient safety

Documents

CMA Statement on Racism

The profession of medicine is grounded in humanism, the value of life, justice, equality and the well-being of all patients. This commitment requires all health care professionals to recognize the diversity of the human experience and to act in ways that promote the health and well-being of all people.

The patient-clinician relationship is founded on mutual respect, trust and empathy. This commitment requires health care professionals to recognize the diversity of the human experience and to act in ways that promote the health and well-being of all people.

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CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities’ study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code

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Parliamentary submission

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2021-12-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying

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2020-11-05

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety

Documents

Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights:
Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
November 5, 2020

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Complementary and alternative medicine (update 2015)

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11529

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2015-05-30

REPLACES
Complementary and alternative medicine (Update 2008)

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14023

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Policy document

DATE
2019-03-02

REPLACES
Head injury and sport (2011)

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Consultation on proposed front-of-package labelling

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POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

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2018-04-23

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
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TOPICS: Health care and patient safety, Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents

APR 5, 2017

EVIDENCE ON THE FEDERAL TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you regarding the consultation on the renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy (FTCS) and on the implementation of the Tobacco Control Act of 2015 (Bill C-45). This consultation is an important opportunity for stakeholders to make recommendations to ensure that the FTCS remains effective in protecting public health.

According to Health Canada's Canadian Lung Health Initiative, the health burden and costs associated with tobacco use are significant. Tobacco use is responsible for approximately 16% of all deaths in Canada, and smoking is a major contributor to chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, and cancer. Tobacco use also disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and Indigenous peoples.

The consultation is open until June 20, 2017. We encourage you to submit your feedback on the following topics:

1. Stopping smoking and preventing smoking initiation
2. Reducing exposure to second-hand smoke
3. Reducing the availability of tobacco products
4. Strengthening enforcement of the Tobacco Control Act
5. Improving research and surveillance on tobacco use

Your input will help to inform the development of a renewed FTCS that is responsive to the evolving evidence and needs of Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Canadian Medical Association
Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic

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2020-03-16

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Health care and patient safety

Documents