Answering the Wake-up Call: CMA's Public Health Action Plan

CMA submission to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health

June 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public health community, including the public and its stakeholders, is faced with an urgent need to address the emerging threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). This threat is not only a global concern, but also a national priority, given the impact of AMR on health systems, patient safety, and public health. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has responded to this challenge by developing the "Answering the Wake-up Call: CMA's Public Health Action Plan" to address the following concerns:

- Health systems, system funding and performance
- Health care and patient safety
- Population health, health equity, public health

In this submission, the CMA highlights the importance of recognizing AMR as a public health crisis and recommends strategies to combat this emerging threat. The plan includes recommendations for enhanced surveillance, improved antimicrobial stewardship, and increased investment in research and development. The CMA emphasizes the need for a coordinated, multi-sectoral approach to address AMR, involving stakeholders from the healthcare sector, public health agencies, and the pharmaceutical industry. The submission concludes with a call to action for policymakers and healthcare providers to take immediate steps to prevent the spread of AMR and protect public health.

Conclusion

The CMA's "Answering the Wake-up Call: CMA's Public Health Action Plan" serves as a roadmap for addressing the threat of antimicrobial resistance. By integrating a comprehensive set of recommendations, the CMA aims to equip healthcare providers and policymakers with the tools necessary to prevent the spread of AMR and safeguard public health for future generations.
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
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TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Background to CMA Policy

Antimicrobial Resistance
See also CMA Policy, Antimicrobial Resistance 2019 33

Concerns

The inability of the health and public health system to strike a balance between the medical and commercial interests of the pharmaceutical industry is a problem that needs to be addressed. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been advocating for policies that prioritize patient care and public health over the profit motive of drug companies.

Dr. Margaret Chan, the former head of the World Health Organization (WHO), declared antimicrobial resistance (AMR) a major global threat. She said that by 2050, if we continue on our current trajectory, we could witness a rise in drug-resistant infections, which could lead to a further rise in deaths from these infections. She emphasized the importance of establishing policies that address this crisis.

Dr. Patrickäll, the former president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, noted that the rise in AMR is due to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics. He called for a reduction in the use of antibiotics in agriculture and the food industry to prevent the spread of drug-resistant bacteria.

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Appropriateness in health care
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Health care and patient safety

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission to Health Canada’s Notice of proposed order to amend the schedule to the Tobacco Act
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1434

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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

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**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

POLICY TYPE  Policy endorsement
DATE  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

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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

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Health care and patient safety
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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

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2018-02-15

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

Documents
CMA Statement on Racism
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14245

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2020-06-02

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Health care and patient safety

Documents
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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14464

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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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14374

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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

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Complementary and alternative medicine (update 2015)
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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

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

Documents

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Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

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Background to Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

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1) How the Background to Policy Should Be Shaped

The background to this concussion policy focuses on the critical issue of sport-related concussions and the importance of understanding the underlying mechanisms and consequences of these injuries. The policy aims to address concerns related to the misdiagnosis and underreporting of concussions, which can lead to long-term health effects for athletes. By evaluating the evidence on the impact of concussions, the policy seeks to provide guidance on best practices and highlight the need for further research.

2) How the Policy Rules

The policy rules are designed to promote a comprehensive approach to managing and preventing concussions. Key areas of focus include education, awareness, and the implementation of safe strategies to minimize the risk of concussions. The policy emphasizes the importance of early detection and intervention to prevent the development of potential complications and long-term effects. By establishing clear guidelines, the policy aims to ensure that athletes are provided with the necessary support and care to recover from concussions safely.

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Dear [Recipient],

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is pleased to have this opportunity to participate in the Consultation on the renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy. We also welcome the opportunity to provide input on the proposed front-of-package labelling.

In brief, the CMA recommends that any changes to front-of-package labelling be evidence-based and should be aligned with the principles of Canada’s tobacco control strategy, including the promotion of public health, the reduction of tobacco use, and the protection of vulnerable populations.

The CMA also recommends that any changes to front-of-package labelling be consistent with existing regulations, such as the Tobacco and Vaping Products Labelling Regulations, and that they be clearly communicated to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on these important issues. We look forward to reviewing the final report and to working with the government to ensure that any changes to front-of-package labelling are effective, evidence-based, and aligned with the principles of Canada’s tobacco control strategy.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Title]
Canadian Medical Association

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Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy

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Documents
Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14132

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Health care and patient safety