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CMA submission to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health
June 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CMA submits its recommendations to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health for consideration in the development of the National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s Public Health System.

1. SARS provided a wake-up call to Canada’s public health system. The CMA supports the development and adoption of a National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system.

2. The National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health (SARS-ACPH) was created in March 2003 at the request of the Prime Minister and was given responsibility to make recommendations on SARS and public health core capacities.

3. The CMA concurs with the need to develop and implement a National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system. This framework should be comprehensive and include:
   - Public health responses to emerging threats and the potential for emerging threats.
   - Population health and health equity.
   - Public health readiness and response plans.

4. The CMA focuses on the role of SARS in highlighting the need for an integrated national approach to public health. The CMA has developed an Action Plan that is intended to enhance the capacity of the public health system.

5. The CMA’s Action Plan is designed to be flexible and adaptable to meet the changing needs of the public health system. The plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

6. The CMA recognizes the importance of collaboration and coordination among all levels of government, as well as with other health care providers and stakeholders.

7. The CMA recommends that the National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system be developed in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, including the public health community, public health practitioners, and the general public.

8. The CMA supports the development of a comprehensive National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system, which will ensure the readiness and effectiveness of the public health system in protecting the health of Canadians and responding to future public health threats.

9. The CMA encourages the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health to consider the recommendations in the CMA’s Action Plan as a starting point for developing the National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system.

The CMA’s Action Plan is intended to provide a framework for the development of a comprehensive National Action Framework for SARS and Canada’s public health system. The plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Appropriateness in health care

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11516

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Policy document

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Health care and patient safety
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14439

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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
DATE                2013-04-15
TOPICS              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/policy11434

POLICY TYPE          Parliamentary submission
DATE                2014-11-10
TOPICS              Health care and patient safety
                     Population health, health equity, public health

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

Documents

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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
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

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Parliamentary submission

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2017-04-07

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

Documents

CMA Submission:
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

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14245

POLICY TYPE  Policy document
DATE  2020-06-02
TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism
         Health care and patient safety

Documents

CMA Statement on Racism

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is committed to the principle of equity and to the elimination of all forms of discrimination, including racism, in the health care system. The CMA recognizes that racism, both individual and systemic, can have a profound impact on the health and well-being of all Canadians, particularly those from racialized communities.

The CMA supports efforts to address racism in the health care system, including the implementation of anti-racism guidelines and the development of training programs for health care professionals. The CMA also recognizes the need for ongoing education and awareness-raising among health care professionals and the public to promote understanding and respect for diverse cultures and backgrounds.

The CMA encourages health care providers to actively engage in conversations about race and racism in their work settings, to listen to and learn from the experiences of their patients and colleagues, and to work collaboratively to create a more equitable and inclusive health care system.

To: [Name of recipient]
From: [Your name]
Date: [Current date]

Subject: CMA Statement on Racism

Dear [Name of recipient],

I hope this message finds you well. As a member of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), I am writing to express our commitment to addressing racism in the health care system.

The CMA recognizes that racism, both individual and systemic, can have a profound impact on the health and well-being of all Canadians, particularly those from racialized communities. As a result, we are committed to supporting efforts to address racism in the health care system, including the implementation of anti-racism guidelines and the development of training programs for health care professionals.

We also recognize the need for ongoing education and awareness-raising among health care professionals and the public to promote understanding and respect for diverse cultures and backgrounds. We encourage health care providers to actively engage in conversations about race and racism in their work settings, to listen to and learn from the experiences of their patients and colleagues, and to work collaboratively to create a more equitable and inclusive health care system.

Thank you for your commitment to providing high-quality care to all Canadians.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your title]
[Your contact information]
Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14374

POLICY TYPE: Parliamentary submission
DATE: 2020-11-05
TOPICS: Health care and patient safety
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has maintained a position on complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) since 2005. CAM includes a wide range of therapies that are not considered part of conventional medicine and are not covered by health care insurance. The CMA supports the integration of CAM into patient care when it is evidence-based and safe. It is important for patients to be informed about the potential benefits and risks of CAM therapies.

**Policy Summary**

- **Scope**: CAM therapies are not covered by health care insurance in Canada.
- **Recommendations**: Patients should be informed about the potential benefits and risks of CAM therapies. CAM providers should be licensed and regulated.
- **Evidence**: Evidence for the efficacy of CAM therapies is limited.

**Further Reading**

- CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
- Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

**Documents**

- Complementary and alternative medicine (update 2015)
- Health care and patient safety
- Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

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

POLICY TYPE
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
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13882

POLICY TYPE 
Response to consultation

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2018-04-23

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

Documents
Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14132

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents