Amendments to PIPEDA, Bill S-4
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Health information and e-health
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Documents
Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing

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DATE: 2018-03-03
TOPICS: Health information and e-health, Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework
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WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to outline the development of a patient-partnered health information governance framework that will address the oversight of health information management with a patient-centered approach.

The framework will ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of health information, while respecting patient choice, autonomy, and consent.

In order to implement this framework, health organizations need to:

1. Develop and implement policies and procedures that reflect patient preferences and values.
2. Ensure that all health information is collected, stored, and shared in a secure and transparent manner.
3. Establish mechanisms for patient involvement in the governance of health information.

The framework is intended to support effective health care and improve patient outcomes by ensuring that health information is used responsibly and ethically.
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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TOPICS: Population health, health equity, public health
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Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in Ambulatory Clinical Practice

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Health information and e-health

Documents
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients
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Health information and e-health
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Guiding principles for the optimal use of data analytics by physicians at the point of care
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TOPICS: Health information and e-health

Listening to our Patient’s Concerns: Comments on Bill C 54 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act): Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry
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TOPICS: Health care and patient safety, Health information and e-health, Ethics and medical professionalism
“Listening to Our Patient’s Concerns”

Comments on Bill C-54
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act)

Submission to the House of Commons
Standing Committee on Industry

March 18, 1999
Ottawa, Ontario

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“Listening to Our Patient’s Concerns”

Comments on Bill C-54
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act)

Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

March 18, 1999

Executive Summary

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is seriously concerned that Bill C-54, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act, will have serious consequences for the privacy and confidentiality of medical information. The bill, if not amended, will have a number of detrimental effects, including:

- Limiting the use of medical information for medical purposes
- Imposing unnecessary and burdensome restrictions on the use of medical information
- Creating a new and complex legal framework for the protection of personal information

The CMA believes that health information is best protected within the existing legal framework, which includes:

- The Health Information Act, which provides a comprehensive and balanced approach to the protection of health information
- The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, which sets out clear and specific rules for the protection of personal information

The CMA recommends that the government:

- Amend Bill C-54 to ensure that it is consistent with the existing legal framework
- Provide clear and specific rules for the protection of personal information
- Ensure that the use of health information is consistent with the principles of confidentiality and privacy

The CMA is committed to ensuring that health information is protected and used in a manner that respects the rights of individuals and the principles of confidentiality and privacy.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Principles concerning physician information
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy208

POLICY TYPE  Policy document
LAST REVIEWED  2019-03-03
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Documents
Principles for the protection of patient privacy
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REPLACES
PD11-03 Principles for the Protection of Patients’ Personal Health Information

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CMA POLICY

PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY

See also Background to CMA Policy for the Protection of Patient Privacy

REASONING

The sharing and use of patient health information is a necessary part of patient care in order for the physician to be able to provide effective and comprehensive care to their patients. Patient information is also used in research, education, and quality improvement activities. The protection of patient information is crucial to maintaining the trust of patients and the public in the health care system. This policy outlines the principles that should guide the use and sharing of patient information in order to ensure that it is used responsibly and in accordance with the principles of respect for the patient, confidentiality, and data integrity.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to the use and sharing of patient information in health care settings, including hospitals, clinics, and community health centers.

BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY

PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY

See also CMA Policy on Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy

CONCEPT

Health information is a valuable resource that is essential to the delivery of safe and effective care. It is also a sensitive and personal aspect of a person’s life. Patients have the right to expect that their health information will be used and shared in ways that respect their privacy and protect their personal information.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The sharing of patient information is necessary for the delivery of health care. However, it is important that this sharing is done in a way that respects the patient’s privacy and confidentiality. The patient has a right to control who has access to their health information and how it is used. This can be achieved by ensuring that the information is used only for the purposes for which it was collected and that it is kept confidential and secure.

CMA Policy on Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy

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CMA Policy on Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy

This policy applies to the use and sharing of patient information in health care settings, including hospitals, clinics, and community health centers.
Putting Patients First: Comments on Bill C 6 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act): Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1979

POLICY TYPE: Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS: Ethics and medical professionalism, Health care and patient safety, Health information and e-health

Documents
Vision for e-Prescribing: a joint statement by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Pharmacists Association

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