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 system in Canada is at the heart of our community. It is the cornerstone of our social fabric, enabling the health and well-being of our citizens. The health system in Canada is a complex network of interrelated components that includes public health services and health care services. It is critical that the public health system be able to respond to emerging health risks and challenges.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has set out a clear agenda for the health system in Canada. This agenda includes the following key components:

- Strengthening the capacity of the public health system to respond to emerging health risks and challenges.
- Enhancing the collaboration and coordination among public health agencies.
- Increasing the transparency and accountability of the public health system.
- Improving access to information and education on public health issues.
- Ensuring that the public health system is adequately funded and resourced.
- Promoting health and preventing disease at the community level.

In conclusion, the public health system in Canada is a valuable asset that can be strengthened to meet the needs of our citizens. CMA is committed to working with all levels of government to ensure that the public health system is effectively and efficiently serving the needs of Canadians.
Study on Canada’s pandemic preparedness: CMA’s Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10010

POLICY TYPE                      Parliamentary submission
DATE                             2010-10-22
TOPICS                           Health care and patient safety

Documents
Insite: CMA submission regarding Insite supervised injection site and program.
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14129

POLICY TYPE
Court submission

DATE
2011-02-17

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

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
Tamper Resistance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11295

POLICY TYPE             Response to consultation
DATE                   2014-08-26
TOPICS                  Health care and patient safety
                        Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

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
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
Regulatory framework for the mandatory reporting of adverse drug reactions and medical device incidents by provincial and territorial healthcare institutions.

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11814

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2016-01-20
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Joint Canadian Medical Association & Canadian Psychiatric Association
Policy - Access to mental health care
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11890

POLICY TYPE                   Policy document
DATE                         2016-05-20
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Joint Statement on
Access to Mental Health Care
from the
Canadian Medical Association
and
Canadian Psychiatric Association
Health Canada’s Consultation on “Plain and Standardized Packaging”
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13817

POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

DATE
2016-08-12

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

Documents
Statement to the House of Commons Committee on Health addressing the opioid crisis in Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13936

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2016-10-18

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Front-of-package labelling consultation
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13800

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2016-10-31
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents
Regulation of Self-Care Products in Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13802

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2016-10-31
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
  Health care and patient safety

Documents
Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13804

POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

DATE
2017-04-05

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

Documents

April 5, 2017

EMERGENCE OF THE FEDERAL TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY
Paul HEYDEN
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For Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy

To: [Redacted]

On behalf of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), I am writing in response to your request for comment on the renewal of the Tobacco Control Strategy (TCS), and on the diversity and smokable nature of tobacco products in Canada.

We are pleased to provide comments on the TCS.

The latest report from the Canadian National Tobacco Use Survey indicates that 37% of the young people aged 15 and older are current daily smokers. In addition, the number of adults who use heated tobacco products has increased in recent years. We believe it is crucial to ensure that the TCS is evidence-based and inclusive.

We support the federal government’s goal of reducing the rate of smoking to less than 5% by 2015. It must be recognized that smoking cessation is a complex process, and the implementation of evidence-based strategies is critical. The CMA supports targeted health promotion and screening efforts that address the unique needs of vulnerable populations. However, we also urge that the government consider the broader implications of tobacco control policies, including the potential negative impacts on public health and the economy.

As the report suggests, a dual approach must be taken beyond the traditional approaches of policy and regulatory measures by focusing on the development of a health-friendly tobacco product, offering more assistance in those affected by tobacco products, and adopting an evidence-based approach to minimize any harm caused by the advent of the new generation of products.

The CMA believes that improving the outcomes in smoking rates, tobacco control measures is priority, and should continue to be supported by the federal, provincial and municipal authorities and stakeholders. We look forward to working with the government in the successful implementation of the TCS.

Sincerely,
Paul Heyden
CMA President
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
DATE  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
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TOPICS: Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Health care and patient safety

Documents