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 sector in Canada is one of our community values. It is the
underpinning vital part that we want to be considered and integrated
in the context of the broader health care system. The health care system
in Canada is known for its excellence in meeting the needs of the
majority. However, many of our population groups and communities,
whether because of their health status, socioeconomic position or other
factors, are experiencing poorer health than the majority of the
country.

CMA is a strong advocate for public health reform. We believe that the
system of public health must be strengthened to reduce the
burden of preventable disease and improve the health status of all Canadians.

We believe that public health is a system of health promotion, disease
prevention and control that uses public health information, knowledge and
practices, and public health services, to support the management of health
risks, to modify risk situations and to prevent the occurrence of preventable
diseases or conditions among the population.

This position is consistent with the 1995 CMA Position Paper on
Public Health: an essential component of the health care system.

Although there is a strong federal and provincial/territorial public
health system in Canada, there is a need to improve coordination of public
health services and to strengthen the system at the local level.

We believe that the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public
Health has an opportunity to make a significant contribution to improving
the effectiveness of the public health system in Canada.

CMA supports the following recommendations:

1. Establish a national framework for public health that is
consistent with the country's federal system.

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consistent with the country's federal system.

CMA looks forward to working with the National Advisory Committee on
SARS and Public Health to ensure that the goals of public health are
achieved and that the health of all Canadians are improved.
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
Improving Accountability in Canada's Health Care System: The Canadian Medical Association's Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10230

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2011-10-19

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

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
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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

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Health care and patient safety  
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**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

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2016-08-12

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

Documents

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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) applauds the initiative of Health Canada’s consultation on “Plain and Standardized Packaging.” We strongly support the objectives of increasing public safety, improving medication safety and reducing youth access to cannabis through standardized packaging.

The CMA endorses the objective of reducing consumer confusion and harm. If consumers are familiar with standardized packaging and product labels, it is hoped that they will make informed choices about the product and follow the directions on the label. The CMA also endorses the objective of reducing youth access to cannabis through standardized packaging. The CMA believes that this is an important step in reducing the harms associated with cannabis use.

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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
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

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
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
Health and health care for an aging population

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11061

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2018-03-03
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2013-12-07
REPLACES
PD00-03 - Principles for medical care of older persons
TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents