CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry / Recommendations for physician innovators

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PD08-01 Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions with Industry

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Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry

See also companion policy Recommendations for physician innovators.

Recommendations

Assessing conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis involves a reasoned process and an understanding of the specific ethical implications of the situation. In making decisions, physicians should consider the following:

1. The nature of the relationship between the physician and industry, such as the physician's role in the development or promotion of the product or service.
2. The potential financial benefits to the physician, including payments, compensation, and any other forms of remuneration.
3. The potential for the physician's personal and professional interests to be influenced by the relationship.
4. The extent to which the relationship could be perceived as compromising the physician's objectivity.

When conflicts of interest arise, physicians should disclose their interests to their patients and to any relevant parties, and take steps to mitigate any potential harm.

Recommendations for Physician Innovators

See also companion policy Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry.

Physicians who are involved in medical research or who are innovators must be aware of the ethical considerations involved in their work. These considerations include:

1. Ensuring that all research and innovation activities are conducted with integrity and transparency.
2. Protecting the rights and well-being of research participants.
3. Avoiding conflicts of interest that could impair the objectivity of research or innovation activities.
4. Maintaining a clear distinction between personal and professional roles.

When participating in research or innovation activities, physicians should:

1. Ensure that their interests do not unduly influence their decisions or actions.
2. Avoid situations in which their personal interests conflict with their professional responsibilities.
3. Keep records of all financial interests and arrangements.
4. Seek appropriate advice when necessary.
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

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CMA Statement on Racism

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We are committed to protecting the rights of all patients, including those from members of communities that are underserved, marginalized, or otherwise disadvantaged. This commitment is guided by our values:

- Respect for human dignity
- Patient-centred care
- Health equity
- Social justice
- Accountability

In light of these values, we reaffirm our commitment to providing culturally competent, equitable care to all patients, including those from communities that are underserved, marginalized, or otherwise disadvantaged.

We recognize the importance of cultural competence in providing effective and safe care to all patients. This includes promoting awareness and understanding of cultural differences and similarities, as well as developing strategies to address and eliminate health disparities.

We encourage physicians to actively engage in the ongoing process of cultural competence and to seek opportunities for professional development in this area. This includes participating in cultural competence training programs and collaborating with community organizations.

We also call on governments and other stakeholders to support initiatives that promote health equity and social justice. This includes investing in community-based health care, increasing access to care for vulnerable populations, and addressing systemic barriers to health care.

We urge all members of the medical community to actively work towards eliminating health disparities and achieving optimal health for all Canadians.

To: Medical Students

From: Canadian Medical Association

Subject: CMA Statement on Racism

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Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic
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Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic

The current ethical climate, involving major health crises, presents unprecedented ethical challenges to healthcare providers in Canada and internationally. Wherever possible, ethical decision making is based on clear principles, including patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice. Healthcare providers must be prepared to make difficult decisions regarding medical interventions, end-of-life care, and allocation of scarce resources.

In Canada, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has developed a set of ethical guidelines to assist healthcare providers in making ethical decisions during times of crisis. These guidelines are informed by the principles of ethical decision making and are designed to help healthcare providers navigate complex ethical issues.

The guidelines emphasize the importance of"b Default," which involves the default model for ethical decision making, where the healthcare provider makes a decision that is in the best interest of the patient, taking into account all relevant factors.

The guidelines also highlight the importance of"b Respect for autonomy," which involves respecting the patient's right to make decisions about their own healthcare, even when those decisions may not align with the healthcare provider's professional judgment.

Finally, the guidelines stress the importance of"b Public health and safety," which involves prioritizing the health and safety of the public as a whole, even when those priorities may conflict with individual patient needs.

These guidelines are intended to serve as a framework for ethical decision making during the COVID-19 pandemic and to help healthcare providers navigate the ethical challenges they may face.

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