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Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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Thank you very much.
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Appearance before the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
March 28, 2022

Thank you for inviting the Canadian Medical Association to speak to your committee today. I am Dr. Katherine Smart, President of the Canadian Medical Association.

As a national, bilingual, voluntary organization representing physicians and medical students across Canada, the CMA is an organization with a long-standing history of working in collaboration with the federal government and other health care stakeholders in Canada. We are pleased to be here to speak to you about mechanisms to advance the articulation of Pan-Canadian licensure.

As you are aware, the Canadian medical profession is faced with a significant medical workforce shortage. The consequences of this are profound for patients in key areas of specialties and in the rural and remote areas of Canada. The CMA has been actively working to increase awareness of this issue and work with various stakeholders to identify solutions.

Canadian physicians are highly mobile and highly skilled. The vast majority of physicians work to full scope of practice. That is why we are strongly in favour of the articulation of Pan-Canadian licensure. It would allow physicians to practise anywhere in Canada without having to requalify and would be a key step in addressing the current medical shortage.

This work would require a comprehensive national strategy that involves all levels of government, the health care system, and the medical community. It would also involve the creation of a Pan-Canadian health human resources council that would consist of all relevant stakeholders. This council would be responsible for developing a comprehensive plan to address the shortage.

The CMA supports the recommendation of the Council of Canadians for Health that the federal government make a significant investment in health human resources, including the development of a Pan-Canadian health human resources council.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your attention.

For more information, please visit the CMA’s website at:

https://www.cma.ca
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
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Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day
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Appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day

Dr. Poulin, Dr. Warrick
Presidents of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022

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parliamentary submission on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association for the World Health Assembly Special Session

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On behalf of the Canadian Medical Association, we present the following submission for consideration by the World Health Assembly in advance of the Special Session on Global Health Security.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is the national organization representing over 60,000 physicians from across Canada, dedicated to the improvement of health. We are deeply concerned about the global health security threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on health equity.

The CMA calls for immediate and sustained global action to address the pandemic and its effects on health equity. This includes:

1. Enhanced international cooperation and coordination in the development and distribution of vaccines, therapies, and diagnostics.
2. Improved access to COVID-19 vaccines for all countries, particularly those in low-income and middle-income countries.
3. Increased investment in research and development of new and effective treatments.
4. Strengthened global public health capacity, including strengthening surveillance, testing, and contact tracing systems.
5. Enhanced support for health systems in low-income and middle-income countries to improve resilience and capacity to respond to future health crises.

The CMA also calls for the establishment of a global health security commission to address the challenges of pandemics, emerging health threats, and global health equity.

The CMA urges the World Health Assembly to take strong action to address the global health security threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to prioritize measures to improve health equity and resilience of health systems globally.

The CMA supports the following recommendations to address the global health security threat:

1. Investment in research and development of new and effective treatments.
2. Strengthened global public health capacity, including surveillance, testing, and contact tracing systems.
3. Enhanced support for health systems in low-income and middle-income countries.
4. Enhanced international cooperation and coordination in vaccine development and distribution.
5. The establishment of a global health security commission.

We look forward to working with the World Health Assembly to implement these recommendations and to address the global health security threat.

Canadian Medical Association
Office of the Medical Director, Global Health

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Vaccine certificates
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Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the development of a global, accessible, and accepted vaccine certificate. This certificate would be used to verify the status of an individual’s vaccination against COVID-19, including the type of vaccine received and the date of the last dose. This certificate should be internationally recognized and widely accepted to facilitate safe travel and cross-border activities.
2. The CMA encourages governments and international organizations to collaborate on the development of a standardized vaccine certificate format that is widely accepted by other countries. This format should be compatible with digital health technologies and ensure that personal data is protected.
3. The CMA recommends that vaccine certificates be available for all individuals who have received a vaccination, including those who are vaccinated outside of their home country.
4. The CMA supports the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of vaccine certificates, including assessing their impact on public health outcomes and the feasibility of their widespread adoption.
5. The CMA encourages healthcare professionals to educate patients about the importance of vaccination and the use of vaccine certificates.
Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendations:

1. Canada must support equitable access to vaccines. The Canadian government should prioritize the equitable distribution of vaccines, particularly to low- and middle-income countries, to ensure global health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

2. The government should ensure that vaccine manufacturers are transparent with respect to vaccine production, including information on the number of doses produced, distribution, and pricing.

3. To support equitable access to vaccines, Canada should provide financial support to countries that have difficulty purchasing vaccines.

4. Increased international collaboration is necessary to ensure the equitable distribution of vaccines globally.

5. The government should work with international organizations, such as the World Health Organization, to develop and implement strategies for equitable vaccine distribution.

A significant challenge is to ensure that the vaccine is made available to everyone who needs it, not just those who can afford to pay.

Canada has committed to supporting the global COVID-19 response, including through contributions to the COVAX initiative and the provision of financial resources to help countries acquire vaccines.

International efforts to support equitable vaccine distribution are crucial, and the global community must work together to ensure that everyone has access to vaccines.
Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry / Recommendations for physician innovators

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