Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

RATIONALS

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has long highlighted the importance of ensuring that our health care system is environmentally sustainable. As our understanding of the interconnections between human health and environmental health grows, it is increasingly clear that the health care system must be designed and operated in a manner that minimizes its impact on the environment.

Our health care system is a major consumer of resources, and its operations have significant environmental footprints. From the production and disposal of medical devices to the transportation of patients and medical supplies, there are numerous opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of health care services.

Population health, health equity, public health
Health systems, system funding and performance
CMA 2023 Pre-budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14490

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-10-06
TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
CMA Recommendations on Canada’s First National Adaptation Strategy: Addressing the health impacts of climate change
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14484

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Parliamentary submission

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2022-06-23

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14476

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Parliamentary submission

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2022-05-13

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14475

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-05-09
TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Kathleen Smerd
President of the Canadian Medical Association

May 9, 2022
Thank you for inviting me.
Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14474

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-05-03
TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

Dr. Alika Lafontaine  
President-elect of the Canadian Medical Association  
May 4, 2022  
(Exact copy not available)
Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14473

POLICY TYPE Parliamentary submission
DATE 2022-04-14
TOPICS Health systems, system funding and performance
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14471

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-02-22
TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
  Health human resources
  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Corkum, smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 16, 2022
Chief expert witness
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy/4468

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-02-15
TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
        Health human resources
        Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14467

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2022-02-09

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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

Dr. Elizabeth Stark
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022

(Attachment omitted)
CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities’ study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14464

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2021-12-15
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology’s study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14462

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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

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https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14462
Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14461

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-11-17

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14463

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2021-11-16
TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism
Canada’s doctors and nurses urgently calling for federal measures to address
Canada’s health workforce crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policyl4460

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

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2021-11-09

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change - Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14455

POLICY TYPE          Policy endorsement
DATE                2021-10-20
TOPICS              Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

![Policy Brief for Canada](image)
São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14456

POLICY TYPE
Policy endorsement

DATE
2021-10-04

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Vaccine certificates
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14448

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy document

2021-08-21

Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Policy recommendation:

1. All health care workers should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, unless medically exempted. Their employers should be responsible for ensuring that they are appropriately vaccinated.

2. Health care workers who are not fully vaccinated should be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and infection control measures.

3. Health care workers who are not fully vaccinated should be restricted from working in high-risk settings.

4. Health care workers who are not fully vaccinated should be encouraged to self-isolate in the event of contact with a COVID-19 positive case.

5. Health care workers who are not fully vaccinated should be provided with education and training on infection control measures.

6. Health care workers who are not fully vaccinated should be monitored for symptoms of COVID-19.

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