CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

May 9, 2022

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

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

Dr. Nita Laman
President, Board of the Canadian Medical Association

May 4, 2022

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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers
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Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
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Appearance before the House
of Commons Standing
Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health
Workforce

Dr. Christie Simard
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis

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Health systems, system funding and performance
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Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day

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        Ethics and medical professionalism

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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. J. Kutcher, M.D.
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 08, 2022
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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

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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session
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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

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

Documents
Canada’s doctors and nurses urgently calling for federal measures to address Canada’s health workforce crisis

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Vaccine certificates

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Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports efforts to improve vaccine literacy and acceptance in Canada. This includes educating the public about the benefits of vaccination, addressing concerns and misconceptions, and promoting a culture of trust and cooperation between health professionals and the public. The CMA encourages healthcare providers to engage in meaningful conversation with patients about vaccination. This conversation should be non-judgmental, informed, and respectful, allowing patients to make informed decisions about their health. The CMA also supports the development of evidence-based guidelines and best practices for vaccination programs.

2. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers be trained in communication skills to effectively engage with patients about vaccination. This training should include strategies for addressing common concerns and misconceptions, as well as techniques for building trust and fostering a positive relationship with patients.

3. The CMA supports the development and implementation of vaccination programs that prioritize equity and access. This includes targeting populations with lower vaccine acceptance rates, such as those from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds, and ensuring that vaccination services are accessible to all, including underserved communities.

4. The CMA encourages the use of innovative communication tools, such as social media and digital health platforms, to increase vaccine awareness and literacy. This includes providing information about vaccination in a clear, accessible, and engaging manner.

5. The CMA supports the development of vaccination programs that are culturally sensitive and inclusive. This includes working with community leaders and organizations to develop tailored vaccination messages that resonate with diverse communities.

6. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers be proactive in addressing vaccine hesitancy and reluctance. This includes identifying and addressing barriers to vaccination, and working with patients to develop a personalized plan for vaccination.

7. The CMA supports the development of evidence-based metrics to assess the effectiveness of vaccination programs. This includes monitoring vaccination rates, assessing the impact of vaccination campaigns, and evaluating the health outcomes of vaccinated populations.

8. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers be aware of the potential for vaccine side effects and be prepared to address these concerns with patients. This includes providing clear and accurate information about the risks and benefits of vaccination.

9. The CMA encourages the development of vaccination programs that are responsive to changing public health needs. This includes adapting programs to address emerging threats, such as new vaccine-resistant strains of infectious diseases, and ensuring that vaccination services remain accessible and affordable.

10. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers be proactive in addressing the social determinants of health that may impact vaccine acceptance. This includes working with public health authorities to develop strategies that address the root causes of health inequities and promote vaccination.

11. The CMA supports the development of vaccination programs that are grounded in ethical principles. This includes ensuring that vaccination programs are transparent, inclusive, and respectful of patient autonomy.

12. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers be prepared to address the ethical challenges associated with vaccination, such as balancing the right to consent with the needs of public health.

13. The CMA encourages the development of vaccination programs that are responsive to the needs of special populations, such as children, pregnant women, and older adults.

14. The CMA supports the development of vaccination programs that are grounded in evidence-based principles. This includes ensuring that vaccination programs are based on the best available scientific data and are regularly evaluated and updated to reflect new evidence.
Vaccine acceptance

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Global vaccine equity

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Ethics and medical professionalism
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Return to school during COVID-19

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position/Recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association recommends the interchangeability of vaccines for the same indication, including interchangeability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, based on the best available evidence and risk-benefit evaluation.

2. The Canadian Medical Association recommends that interchangeability of vaccines be based on the best available evidence and risk-benefit evaluation, including the following:
   - Safety and efficacy of the vaccines
   - Immunogenicity of the vaccines
   - Duration of immunity
   - Potential for cross-reactivity
   - Availability of the vaccines
   - Resource availability
   - Public health needs
   - Patient preferences

Interchangeability of vaccines

- Interchangeability of vaccines is the substitution of different vaccines for the same indication, based on the best available evidence and risk-benefit evaluation.
- The interchangeability of vaccines is based on the following criteria:
  - Safety and efficacy of the vaccines
  - Immunogenicity of the vaccines
  - Duration of immunity
  - Potential for cross-reactivity
  - Availability of the vaccines
  - Resource availability
  - Public health needs
  - Patient preferences

Interchangeability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines

- The interchangeability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines is based on the following criteria:
  - Safety and efficacy of the vaccines
  - Immunogenicity of the vaccines
  - Duration of immunity
  - Potential for cross-reactivity
  - Availability of the vaccines
  - Resource availability
  - Public health needs
  - Patient preferences
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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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
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