CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework

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WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to advance the development of a fully integrated, patient-partnered health information governance framework. It is intended to address the issues of health information governance, which is essential for the delivery of high-quality care. The framework is designed to ensure that health information is managed effectively, maintained securely, and used responsibly to support patient-centered care. It aims to promote transparency, accountability, and trust in the handling of health information.

WHY IT MATTERS
1. It will support the patient’s right to access, control, and use their health information. This is critical for empowering patients and ensuring they are involved in their own care.
2. It will enhance the quality and effectiveness of care by improving the flow of information between healthcare providers.
3. It will address the ethical, legal, and social implications of the use of health information.

INTEGRITY STATEMENT
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) endorses the principles of the CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information. These principles are designed to ensure that health information is managed in the best interests of the patient and in accordance with ethical, legal, and social standards. The CMA commits to upholding these principles in all aspects of health information governance.
CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
Mar 11, 2022
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

May 9, 2022

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

Dr. Robin La Fontaine
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 4, 2022

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Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
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Ethics and medical professionalism

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Virtual Care in Canada: progress and potential. Report of the Virtual Care Task Force
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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure
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         Health human resources
         Ethics and medical professionalism

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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers
February 22, 2022
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
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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. Corky Ramsay
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 15, 2022
Chap 1: Agendas for Action:
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis

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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis

Submission to the House of Commons
Standing Committee on Finance
February 15, 2022

CMA submission
Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day
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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. J. Rosemary lease
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022
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

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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

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

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         Ethics and medical professionalism

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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online

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

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

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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism

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

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Global vaccine equity

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

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REPLACES
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 for physicians in interactions with industry

Physicians' interactions with industry are evolving in an increasingly complex and competitive climate, where companies and academic institutions are developing new treatments and therapies that promise to revolutionize health care. While these developments offer many opportunities for physicians to further their knowledge and expertise, they also present risks that can undermine medical research and clinical practice integrity. Therefore, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has developed guidelines for physicians to consider when engaging with industry. These guidelines are intended to help physicians navigate the complexities of relationships with industry, maintain independence, and uphold ethical standards.

The guidelines address a range of issues, including the following:

1. **Institutional Relationships**: Recommendations on how physicians should interact with industry entities, such as hospitals and universities, to ensure transparency and avoid conflicts of interest.
2. **Industry-Sponsored Research**: Guidelines on how to evaluate and manage potential conflicts of interest when conducting or participating in research funded by industry.
3. **Consulting and Speaking Engagements**: Advice on how to disclose and manage conflicts of interest when consulting or speaking on industry-related topics.
4. **Product Promotion**: Recommendations on how to avoid promoting non-prescription products and ensure that information is accurate and balanced.
5. **Professional Development**: Guidance on how to maintain professional development while avoiding industry influence.
6. **Ethical Considerations**: Advice on how to approach ethical dilemmas in the context of industry interactions.

By following these guidelines, physicians can help maintain the integrity of medical research and practice, as well as uphold the trust placed in them by patients and the public.

Recommendations for Physician Innovators

See also Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry.

Physician innovators are an important part of the medical community, driving new treatments and technologies that can improve patient care. However, this role also comes with ethical considerations. The guidelines for physician innovators aim to support these innovators in maintaining their independence while working with industry, ensuring that their work is not unduly influenced by industry interests.

The guidelines for physician innovators cover the following aspects:

1. **Innovation and Commercialization**: Guidance on how to balance the pursuit of innovation with the need to protect patient interests.
2. **Research and Development**: Recommendations on how to manage conflicts of interest and ensure that research is driven by scientific merit rather than industry influence.
3. **Collaborations**: Advice on how to establish and maintain collaborations with industry in a way that promotes patient care.
4. **Professional Development**: Guidance on how to maintain professional development while avoiding conflicts of interest.

These guidelines are intended to empower physician innovators to make informed decisions that are in the best interest of their patients, while also adhering to ethical standards and maintaining the integrity of medical practice.
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
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Digital Health Care and Competition – a perspective from The Canadian Medical Association

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