CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14476

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2022-05-13

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

May 13, 2022

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Dr. Katharine Smart  
President of the Canadian Medical Association  
May 9, 2022  
Drew Ng, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.
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

[Thesis copyright not defined]
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
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14469

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2022-02-16

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. Cairine Wilson
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 15, 2022

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14468

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. J. Elaine英译
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 04, 2022
(but please check)
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

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-12-10

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
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/policy14460

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-11-09

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
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

Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation:

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that governments and organizations that operate large-scale events, such as the Olympics and other international gatherings, develop and implement a robust, fair, and transparent process for the issuance of vaccine certificates. These certificates should be mutually recognized between countries and should be based on the acceptance of internationally recognized vaccines.

2. The CMA supports the use of digital vaccine certificates to facilitate travel and access to services, while ensuring privacy and data security. Such systems should be designed in collaboration with stakeholders from the health, technology, and privacy sectors.

3. The CMA encourages the development of tools and resources to help healthcare providers and individuals understand and navigate the complexities of vaccine certificates.

4. The CMA advocates for the inclusion of patient choice and consent in decisions about vaccine mandates, recognizing the right of individuals to refuse vaccination and to seek exemptions based on medical, ethical, or personal grounds.

5. The CMA supports the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of vaccine certificate systems to ensure their effectiveness, transparency, and compliance with ethical standards.

6. The CMA encourages dialogue and cooperation between governments, international organizations, and civil society to promote the equitable distribution of vaccine certificates and to address issues of access and affordability.

7. The CMA recommends that vaccine certificates be used as a tool to support public health objectives, while also protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals.

8. The CMA supports the development of a global framework for vaccine certificates, including standards for issuance, recognition, and validation, to facilitate international travel and cooperation in public health.

9. The CMA encourages the use of vaccine certificates in conjunction with other public health interventions, such as surveillance, contact tracing, and community health initiatives.

10. The CMA advocates for the involvement of patient representatives in the development and implementation of vaccine certificate programs to ensure their responsiveness to patient needs and concerns.
Global vaccine equity

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14451

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

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

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14454

POLICY TYPE  
Policy document

DATE  
2021-08-21

REPLACES  
PD08-01 Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions with Industry

TOPICS  
Ethics and medical professionalism

Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry

See also companion policy Recommendations for physician innovators

Recommendations: Physicians are working in an increasingly complex medical and business environment, and interactions with industry, particularly pharmaceutical and medical device companies, present unique challenges. The CMA supports the potential of industrial partnerships to improve patient care, enhance the economic viability of medical research, and support clinical and educational activities. Opportunities exist to improve the ethical and transparent interactions between physicians and industry. The CMA accordingly recommends that physicians respect the following principles:

1. Industry and patient safety:
   - Physicians who are in positions of trust should not allow personal or professional interests to conflict with the safety and well-being of patients.
   - Industry should be transparent in communicating financial interests and should avoid conflicts of interest.

2. Industry and research partnerships:
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in research partnerships.
   - Industry should disclose financial interests and maintain transparency in research partnerships.

3. Industry and professional development:
   - Industry should support professional development opportunities for physicians.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in professional development opportunities.

4. Industry and sales practices:
   - Industry should avoid aggressive sales practices and ensure that sales activities are conducted ethically.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when engaging in sales activities.

5. Industry and patient care:
   - Industry should avoid influencing physician decisions and patient care through financial incentives.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when accepting financial incentives from industry.

6. Industry and education:
   - Industry should support educational programs that are independent of financial interests.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in educational programs.

7. Industry and medical policies:
   - Industry should support the development of evidence-based medical policies.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in the development of medical policies.

8. Industry and scientific research:
   - Industry should support independent scientific research.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in scientific research.

9. Industry and patient advocacy:
   - Industry should support patient advocacy initiatives.
   - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in patient advocacy initiatives.

10. Industry and patient safety:
    - Industry should support initiatives that promote patient safety.
    - Physicians should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in patient safety initiatives.

These recommendations are intended to guide physicians in important areas where potential conflicts of interest may arise. Physicians should be aware of these potential conflicts and take appropriate steps to address them.

Applications for approval or exemption from this policy are provided through CMA's website at policybase.cma.ca.

Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry

Recommendations for Physician Innovators

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

Recommendations: Physician innovators are working in an increasingly complex medical and business environment, and interactions with industry, particularly pharmaceutical and medical device companies, present unique challenges. The CMA supports the potential of industrial partnerships to improve patient care, enhance the economic viability of medical research, and support clinical and educational activities. Opportunities exist to improve the ethical and transparent interactions between physicians and industry. The CMA accordingly recommends that physician innovators respect the following principles:

1. Innovation and patient safety:
   - Physician innovators who are in positions of trust should not allow personal or professional interests to conflict with the safety and well-being of patients.
   - Innovation should be transparent in communicating financial interests and should avoid conflicts of interest.

2. Innovation and research partnerships:
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in research partnerships.
   - Innovation should disclose financial interests and maintain transparency in research partnerships.

3. Innovation and professional development:
   - Innovation should support professional development opportunities for physician innovators.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in professional development opportunities.

4. Innovation and sales practices:
   - Innovation should avoid aggressive sales practices and ensure that sales activities are conducted ethically.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when engaging in sales activities.

5. Innovation and patient care:
   - Innovation should avoid influencing physician decisions and patient care through financial incentives.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when accepting financial incentives from innovation.

6. Innovation and education:
   - Innovation should support educational programs that are independent of financial interests.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in educational programs.

7. Innovation and medical policies:
   - Innovation should support the development of evidence-based medical policies.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in the development of medical policies.

8. Innovation and scientific research:
   - Innovation should support independent scientific research.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in scientific research.

9. Innovation and patient advocacy:
   - Innovation should support patient advocacy initiatives.
   - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in patient advocacy initiatives.

10. Innovation and patient safety:
    - Innovation should support initiatives that promote patient safety.
    - Physician innovators should be aware of potential conflicts of interest when participating in patient safety initiatives.

These recommendations are intended to guide physician innovators in important areas where potential conflicts of interest may arise. Physician innovators should be aware of these potential conflicts and take appropriate steps to address them.

Applications for approval or exemption from this policy are provided through CMA's website at policybase.cma.ca.
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14459

POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
DATE: 2021-08-21
TOPICS: Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14443

POLICY TYPE
Policy endorsement

DATE
2021-06-24

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Committee Appearance – Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee: Bill C-7 – An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14380

POLICY TYPE Parliamentary submission
DATE 2020-11-23
TOPICS Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 – open letter
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14261

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2020-08-13

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents