Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

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Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

RATIONALE
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the need for a comprehensive approach to achieving sustainable health systems in Canada. This approach must address the interrelated challenges of environmental sustainability, health equity, and economic viability. The CMA believes that sustainable health systems are essential for improving population health, reducing health inequities, and ensuring the long-term financial viability of health care systems.

Sustainable health systems are characterized by:
- Reducing the environmental impact of health care operations
- Ensuring access to high-quality, culturally appropriate, and affordable health care for all Canadians
- Promoting health and well-being through prevention and education
- Investing in the development of a workforce capable of delivering sustainable health care services
- Collaborating with other stakeholders to achieve shared goals

The CMA proposes a multi-faceted strategy to support the transition to sustainable health systems:
- Investing in research and innovation to develop sustainable practices and technologies
- Supporting policy initiatives that promote sustainable health systems
- Providing leadership and advocating for the adoption of sustainable practices by health care organizations
- Engaging with the public, patients, and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable health systems
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CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
May 11, 2022
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katherine Smart
President, Canadian Medical Association
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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. Alba LeFortino
President-Elect of the Canadian Medical Association

May 4, 2022

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Cairine Wilson
President, Canadian Medical Association

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Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
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Health human resources
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Health care and patient safety
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
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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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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TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
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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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Vaccine certificates
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TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
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Vaccine certificates

Policy recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the implementation of a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination program for healthcare workers in all healthcare settings, including hospitals, long-term care facilities, and community health centres. This program should be voluntary and based on individual choice, but employers should encourage participation to ensure a safe and healthy workplace.

2. The CMA recommends that healthcare workers who decline vaccination should be provided with alternative duties that do not involve direct patient care.

3. The CMA supports the development of a robust and transparent process for determining the health and safety of healthcare workers who decline vaccination.

4. The CMA recommends that healthcare workers who decline vaccination should be provided with ongoing education and training on infection control measures.

5. The CMA supports the implementation of a comprehensive surveillance system to monitor the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine in healthcare workers.

6. The CMA recommends that healthcare workers who decline vaccination should be provided with ongoing support and resources to address any concerns they may have about the vaccine.

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:

1. All health care workers should be offered the COVID-19 vaccine voluntarily, their family, community, and workplace needs.
2. All employers are responsible for ensuring that health care workers are offered the COVID-19 vaccine in an age-appropriate manner, that they are consulted on vaccination policies, and that they are provided with the necessary support to ensure that vaccination occurs voluntarily.
3. Employers should offer employees the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at their workplace, and those employees who choose not to receive the vaccine should be offered alternative safe work arrangements.
4. Employers should consider offering employees incentives to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, such as time off with pay, paid sick leave, or other forms of support.
5. The Association will continue to support research and the development of policies and guidelines to support the safe and effective implementation of vaccination programs, including those that aim to protect vulnerable populations, such as health care workers.