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Canadian Medical Association
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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Documents

Return to school during COVID-19

Policy Recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association is calling for the federal government to develop and implement a comprehensive school health and safety plan that addresses the needs of students, teachers, and staff.

2. The plan should include clear guidelines for physical distancing, mask-wearing, and other public health measures.

3. The plan should also address the mental health needs of students, teachers, and staff, and provide resources and support to help them cope with the stress of the pandemic.

4. The plan should be developed in consultation with public health experts, educators, and other stakeholders.

5. The plan should be adapted as new information and guidelines become available.

6. The plan should be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure its effectiveness.

7. The plan should be communicated clearly and effectively to all stakeholders, including students, teachers, parents, and the general public.

8. The plan should be implemented in a timely and systematic manner.

9. The plan should be evaluated regularly to assess its effectiveness and to make necessary adjustments.

The Canadian Medical Association recommends that the federal government take action to ensure that all schools in Canada have a comprehensive school health and safety plan in place by the fall of 2021.

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

Policy position recommendation
1. The CMA recognizes that vaccine interchangeability is an important principle in optimizing vaccine delivery and ensuring equitable access to vaccines. The CMA encourages the use of interchangeable vaccines wherever possible, based on the best available evidence and guidance.
2. The CMA recommends that all healthcare providers are aware of and follow the guidelines for vaccine interchangeability established by the regulatory authorities and vaccine manufacturers.

Interchangeability of vaccines

For vaccines that are approved for use in Canada, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. The two vaccines should be of the same dosage form (e.g., injectable, oral).
2. The two vaccines should have the same indication (e.g., prevention of a specific infection).
3. The two vaccines should be administered at the same dose.
4. The two vaccines should be administered at the same interval.
5. The two vaccines should be administered at the same site.

Interim guidance on vaccine interchangeability (IAG)

The CMA recommends that healthcare providers:

1. Use the same manufacturer's vaccine for the same disease in all doses and routes of administration.
2. Use the same vaccine for all doses and routes of administration.
3. Use the same vaccine for all doses and routes of administration.
4. Use the same vaccine for all doses and routes of administration.
5. Use the same vaccine for all doses and routes of administration.

The CMA encourages healthcare providers to refer to the Canadian Immunization Guide for further guidance on vaccine interchangeability.

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Introduction

Firearms are among the leading causes of death in Canada. In 2019, 1,739 people died as a result of firearms-related injuries, including 1,138 homicides and 601 suicides. Over the past two decades, firearm deaths have increased overall, with the highest rates in the Atlantic region and among young men in urban areas.

Health care providers are recognizing that firearms are a public health challenge. The effects of gun violence extend beyond the victims themselves, impacting families, communities, and the broader society. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been advocating for evidence-based gun control policies to reduce the harms associated with firearm violence.

The CMA and its members have consistently called for stronger regulation and control of firearms, including the establishment of a national gun registry, restrictions on the ownership and possession of firearms, and the promotion of firearms education and safety programs.

This policy document updates the CMA’s position on firearms control and emphasizes the importance of public health strategies in addressing the issue of firearm violence. It highlights the need for collaborative efforts between health care providers, public health officials, and policymakers to develop comprehensive solutions that can effectively reduce the toll of firearm-related injuries and deaths.

The CMA encourages all stakeholders to join forces in implementing evidence-based policies and programs that prioritize the prevention of firearm violence and the promotion of public health and safety for all Canadians.

Policy

The CMA recommends the following measures:

1. Establish a national gun registry to track firearm ownership and usage.
2. Implement strict background checks and waiting periods for firearm purchases.
3. Ban the sale and possession of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.
4. Increase funding for research on the impact of firearm violence and effective interventions.
5. Develop and implement educational programs on firearm safety and responsible ownership.
6. Support community-based initiatives aimed at reducing the availability of firearms and addressing the root causes of firearm violence.

Implementation

The CMA will continue to advocate for these recommendations and work with government and other stakeholders to ensure their implementation. The CMA also encourages health care providers to integrate gun violence prevention into their practice and continuing education programs.

Conclusion

Addressing the issue of firearm violence requires a multi-faceted approach that involves collaboration between health care providers, public health professionals, and policymakers. The CMA remains committed to advocating for effective measures to reduce the harms associated with firearm violence and to promoting a safer and healthier environment for all Canadians.

The CMA invites all stakeholders to join in this effort, recognizing that collective action is essential in achieving the goal of reducing firearm-related injuries and deaths.
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework
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Documents

CMA response:
HEALTH CANADA CONSULTATION ON VAPING PRODUCTS LABELLING AND PACKAGING REGULATIONS

DECEMBER 3, 2019
Health Canada consultation on potential market for cannabis health products that would not require practitioner oversight

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Documents

CMA response:

HEALTH CANADA CONSULTATION ON POTENTIAL MARKET FOR CANNABIS HEALTH PRODUCTS THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE PRACTITIONER OVERSIGHT

September 3, 2019
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers
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