Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

**RATIONALS**

The Canadian Medical Association recognizes the important role of health systems in ensuring environmental sustainability. The integration of environmental considerations into the design, operation, and management of health systems can significantly contribute to the broader goal of achieving sustainable development. This includes reducing the carbon footprint of health care delivery, promoting health equity, and ensuring that health systems are resilient to the impacts of climate change.

To achieve this, health systems must adopt strategies that minimize environmental impacts and promote health equity. This involves implementing policies and practices that reduce waste, conserve resources, and promote sustainable practices throughout the health care system. Collaboration between health care providers, policymakers, and the public is essential to achieving these goals.

In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the need for health systems to address environmental sustainability. This is driven by concerns about climate change, the interlinkages between health and the environment, and the need to ensure that health systems are equitable and accessible for all Canadians.

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Documents
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Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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Appearance before the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

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Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

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Study on Bill S-209, An Act respecting Pandemic Observance Day

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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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Documents
Vaccine acceptance

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Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
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Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy document

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association has been following developments around the production and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and the interchangeability of vaccines. The Association is aware of the ongoing discussions in the international community about the potential for vaccine mixing and the need for clear guidance on this topic. The Association supports the use of interchangeability when it is scientifically sound and can be implemented safely.

2. The Association recommends that all stakeholders involved in the vaccination process, including healthcare providers, public health authorities, and vaccine manufacturers, work together to ensure that any decisions regarding vaccine mixing are evidence-based and take into account the latest scientific information.

3. The Association encourages ongoing research into the potential benefits and risks of vaccine mixing. This includes studies on the efficacy and safety of mixing different vaccines, as well as investigations into the potential impact on vaccine logistics and supply chains.

4. The Association recommends that national and international bodies, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), provide clear guidance on the interchangeability of vaccines, including any conditions or limitations that may apply.

5. The Association urges healthcare providers to follow local and national guidelines when administering vaccines. It is crucial that healthcare providers remain informed about the latest developments in this area and are able to respond appropriately to any questions or concerns from patients.

6. The Association supports the development of educational materials for healthcare providers to help ensure that they are aware of the potential benefits and risks of vaccine mixing and can discuss these topics with their patients.

Interchangeability of vaccines: implications for health systems, policies and practice (CMAJ, 2021)

Interchangeability of vaccines may be an important strategy to enhance vaccine coverage and accessibility. However, the evidence on its safety and efficacy is still evolving and there are ongoing concerns about the potential impact on vaccine logistics and supply chains. The Association encourages ongoing research into these issues and supports the development of clear guidelines on how to proceed with vaccine mixing in a responsible manner.
Firearms Control (Update 2021)
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Documents
CMA Letter – Bill C-30 Implementation

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Health systems, system funding and performance

To the Minister of Health:

In light of the recent passage of Bill C-30, we would like to express our support for the proposed changes. The bill aims to address the challenges faced by our healthcare system, particularly in terms of funding and performance. We believe that these measures are crucial for ensuring the sustainability and efficiency of our healthcare system.

We commend the government for its efforts to improve the system. However, we also acknowledge the need for continued vigilance and monitoring to ensure that the objectives of the bill are met. We urge the government to remain committed to these goals and to work closely with stakeholders to implement the necessary changes effectively.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is a strong supporter of the bill and encourages its full implementation. We look forward to working with the government and other stakeholders to ensure that the benefits of the bill are realized.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Canadian Medical Association
National Approach to Licensure
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Documents
Consensus statement on networks for high-quality rural anesthesia, surgery, and obstetric care in Canada

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