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

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Appearance before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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See attached.
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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Vaccine acceptance
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Vaccine acceptance

1. Improving HPV vaccine acceptance and uptake
   - It is critical to improve HPV vaccine acceptance and uptake. The CMA recommends that health care providers
     be trained in addressing patient concerns and providing clear, evidence-based information. This can include
     discussing the benefits of vaccination, the risks of disease, and the availability of additional supports for those
     who may be hesitant.

2. Facilitating access to vaccines
   - Addressing barriers to vaccine access, such as cost and location, is crucial for increasing acceptance.
     Health care providers should be encouraged to be respectful and non-judgmental when discussing vaccination
     decisions with patients. This may involve offering alternative sites or delivery methods (e.g., mobile clinics).

3. Monitoring vaccine hesitancy
   - Monitoring vaccine hesitancy trends can help policymakers and health care providers identify areas for focused
     interventions. This information can be used to develop targeted strategies to improve vaccine acceptance.

4. Addressing vaccine misinformation
   - Misinformation about vaccines is a significant barrier to acceptance. Health care providers should be
     equipped to address misconceptions and provide accurate information. This may involve educating patients
     about common myths and the scientific consensus on vaccine safety and efficacy.

5. Vaccination programs
   - Vaccination programs should be designed with the goal of maximizing coverage and equity. This may
     include outreach efforts to underserved populations and the provision of incentives or other supports to
     encourage uptake.

6. Research and surveillance
   - Research is needed to better understand factors influencing vaccine acceptance and to develop effective
     strategies for improving uptake. Surveillance data can help track progress and inform ongoing efforts to
     increase vaccine coverage.

7. Policy implications
   - Policies that support the provision of vaccines and address barriers to access are essential. This includes
     ensuring equitable access to vaccines, particularly in rural and remote areas, and providing financial
     incentives for vaccine providers.

8. Collaboration and partnerships
   - Collaborating with community organizations, schools, and other stakeholders can help increase
     awareness and acceptance of vaccines. This may involve working with local health boards to develop
     vaccination campaigns and providing support for vaccination events.
Return to school during COVID-19
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14452

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Health care and patient safety

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Documents
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14453

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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

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Documents
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework
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Documents
Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying

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

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Documents
CMA Statement on Racism

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Documents
Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic: Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers

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Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Direct-to-consumer advertising (DTCA)
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Position paper on direct to consumer prescription drug advertising (1986)

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Documents
A Public Health Perspective on Cannabis and Other Illegal Drugs: CMA Submission to the Special Senate Committee on Illegal Drugs

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Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
CMA Letter to the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs regarding Bill C-2, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

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Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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Documents