CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Documents
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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

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CMA Policybase - 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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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Vaccine acceptance
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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Policy recommendation:

1. The CMA recommends that administrators and teachers:
   - Ensure classroom and public spaces are well-ventilated and properly maintained.
   - Implement social distancing measures where possible.
   - Provide hand sanitizer and encourage frequent handwashing.
   - Use masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) when recommended by health authorities.
   - Communicate clear guidelines to all school staff and students.

2. The CMA recommends that vaccine interoperability (vaccine mixing) be considered:
   - In the context of vaccine procurement and distribution.
   - In the context of vaccine administration.
   - In the context of vaccine safety and effectiveness.

3. The CMA recommends that vaccination programs be implemented:
   - In a way that maximizes coverage and minimizes barriers to vaccination.
   - In a way that respects privacy and confidentiality.
   - In a way that addresses equity and access.

4. The CMA recommends that school-based health services be enhanced:
   - To support the mental health needs of students.
   - To support the physical health needs of students.
   - To support the social needs of students.

5. The CMA recommends that policymakers consider:
   - The long-term impact of school closures on education outcomes.
   - The long-term impact of school closures on mental health outcomes.
   - The long-term impact of school closures on economic outcomes.

6. The CMA recommends that stakeholders:
   - Engage in ongoing dialogue with health authorities.
   - Collaborate across sectors to address the needs of school communities.
   - Prioritize the health and safety of all school staff and students.

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Vaccine mixing refers to the practice of using different vaccines in a single dose or alternating doses of different vaccines in a series. This approach is particularly important in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, where the availability of different vaccines may vary over time and across regions. The CMA recommends that vaccine mixing be considered in the context of vaccine procurement and distribution, vaccine administration, and vaccine safety and effectiveness.
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Full policy recommendation:
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2. To ensure the interchangeability of vaccines, the federal and provincial governments should: review and, where necessary, update, vaccine product information; ensure that vaccines are stored and administered according to the manufacturer’s instructions; and consider the results of other health authorities and international organizations.

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Firearms Control (Update 2021)
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Health care and patient safety

Documents

Firearms Control
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Introduction

Tobacco control is a vital part of public health strategies to prevent premature death due to tobacco-related diseases. Tobacco control policies and programs aim to reduce tobacco use by increasing the price of tobacco products, reducing the availability of tobacco products, and promoting tobacco-free environments. Tobacco control initiatives have been implemented worldwide, and the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been actively involved in advocating for effective tobacco control measures.

The CMA recognizes the importance of tobacco control as a public health priority. The CMA supports the implementation of comprehensive tobacco control policies and programs that are evidence-based, inclusive, and aligned with international best practices.

Recent developments

In recent years, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of tobacco control in reducing its impact on public health. Several countries have implemented additional measures to strengthen their tobacco control policies, including increasing taxes on tobacco products, implementing smoke-free indoor environments, and restricting tobacco advertising and promotion.

The CMA welcomes these developments and encourages policymakers to continue implementing evidence-based tobacco control measures. The CMA also supports ongoing research and surveillance of the tobacco control landscape to inform policy decisions and ensure effective implementation of tobacco control strategies.

Conclusion

The CMA reaffirms its commitment to advocating for effective tobacco control policies and programs. The CMA encourages policymakers to prioritize tobacco control as a critical component of public health strategies to reduce the burden of tobacco-related diseases and promote the health and well-being of all Canadians.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
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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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Documents

Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
November 5, 2020
Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 – open letter
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14261

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Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
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TOPICS  Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health information and e-health
Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA Statement on Racism

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14245

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  Health care and patient safety

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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**Documents**

- [CMA Brief](#)
  - **Title:** Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - **Description:** Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers.
Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14133

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Ethics and medical professionalism
Health care and patient safety

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14132

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Documents
Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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Documents
Appropriateness in health care
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Documents
Health Canada consultation on proposed vaping products promotion regulations
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Documents
Organ and tissue donation and transplantation

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Documents