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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Vaccine acceptance

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Vaccine acceptance

Policy position recommendation

1. High levels of vaccine coverage are critical to the success of the pandemic. Public health programs need to be effective and efficient in reaching patients and address the needs of those in community settings.

2. It is important to regularly monitor data on vaccine supply, demand, and distribution, and adjust strategies as needed. Public health programs should be flexible and responsive to changing circumstances.

3. Health care providers should be encouraged to discuss the benefits of vaccination with their patients, especially in community settings.

4. Strategies to increase vaccine uptake should be developed to address the needs of patients who may not have access to healthcare services.

5. The focus on improving vaccine acceptance rates in disadvantaged communities should be ongoing and sustained.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Return to school during COVID-19

Policy recommendations:

1. The CMA (Canadian Medical Association) recommends that vaccination mandates be sufficient to ensure that all teachers and staff are vaccinated against COVID-19. This recommendation is based on the evidence that vaccination is effective in preventing severe illness and death from COVID-19.

2. The CMA recommends that schools implement a combination of strategies to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, including:
   - Social distancing
   - Mask wearing
   - Improved ventilation
   - Enhanced cleaning and disinfection

3. The CMA recommends that schools develop contingency plans for situations where transmission of COVID-19 occurs, including:
   - Quarantine and isolation protocols
   - Contact tracing
   - Emergency response teams

4. The CMA recommends that schools consider the implementation of other public health measures, such as:
   - Reducing class sizes
   - Implementing cohorting
   - Conducting regular COVID-19 testing

5. The CMA recommends that schools collaborate with local public health authorities to develop and implement effective COVID-19 prevention and control strategies.

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy recommendation:
1. The CMA encourages the provincial and territorial governments to examine the interchangeability of vaccines, including mixing, by reviewing the available evidence on this issue.
2. The CMA encourages the federal government to support research on the interchangeability of vaccines and to facilitate the sharing of information and data on vaccine interchangeability.

Documents

Canadian Medical Association
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Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use
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Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
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Introduction

Policy makers and health care providers recognize the value of evidence in guiding practice and treatment. While research on the potential harms of drug use and dependence has been extensive, lack of research on the potential benefits of drug use and dependence has been significant. This has led to a situation where drug use and dependence is often viewed as a problem to be solved, rather than an issue that requires a comprehensive approach to treatment and support.

Evidence of Harm

Research has shown that drug use and dependence can have a negative impact on individual health and well-being. Drug use and dependence can lead to physical and mental health problems, including addiction, dependence, and withdrawal symptoms. It has been estimated that drug use and dependence are responsible for a significant number of deaths and disabilities worldwide, with opioid use and dependence being the leading cause of drug-related deaths in many countries.

Evidence of Benefit

On the other hand, evidence has also shown that drug use and dependence can have positive effects on an individual's quality of life. Drug use and dependence can provide a sense of relief from pain and stress, and can improve social and emotional well-being. It has been estimated that drug use and dependence can improve an individual's quality of life, reduce stress, and improve social connections.

Conclusion

In conclusion, while drug use and dependence can have negative effects on an individual's health and well-being, they can also have positive effects. It is important to recognize the value of evidence in guiding practice and treatment, and to develop a comprehensive approach to treating drug use and dependence that acknowledges both the harms and the benefits.
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework  
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Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 – open letter
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Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic: Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14211

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Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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

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Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic
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Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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## Documents

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ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPANTATION

Background to CMA Policy

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ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPANTATION

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Organ and tissue donation and transplantation (update 2015)

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Clinical guideline for homeless and vulnerably housed people, and people with lived homelessness experience
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