CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework
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WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to outline the core elements of a patient-partnered health information governance framework that can provide a foundation for health care organizations to develop and implement effective health information policies and practices.

1. Share, use, and by the patient and their care, of an open, shared, and transparent health information system.
2. Ensure that patients and their families have access to information about their health and care.
3. Develop and implement policies and procedures to ensure the confidentiality, accuracy, and security of health information.
4. Foster collaboration and partnerships among all stakeholders involved in the health care system.

The framework aims to create a culture of transparency and accountability, and to empower patients and their families to make informed decisions about their health care.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is committed to advancing the interests of patients, physicians, and the health care system.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
CMA Letter to the Council of the Federation regarding the Council of the Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities (health workforce, primary care, labour mobility)

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Dear President of the Council of the Federation,

I am writing to provide the Canadian Medical Association’s (CMA) perspective on the Council of the Federation meeting on June 21, 2022. The CMA supports the need for a national strategy to enhance the capacity of Canada’s health workforce, especially in primary care, and to address labour mobility issues.

The health workforce is a critical component of any health system, and it plays a crucial role in ensuring that Canadians have access to quality healthcare. In recent years, there has been a growing concern about the supply of health professionals in Canada, particularly in primary care, where shortages are most acute.

The CMA believes that a comprehensive strategy to address these challenges should include investments in medical education, retention and recruitment, as well as coordination across all levels of government to ensure a coordinated approach to workforce planning.

In addition to workforce issues, labour mobility is another critical area that needs attention. The CMA supports initiatives that facilitate the movement of healthcare professionals across jurisdictions, recognizing the importance of ensuring access to quality care for all Canadians.

The CMA looks forward to working with the Council of the Federation and other stakeholders to develop a robust national strategy that addresses these critical issues effectively.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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

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

Dr. Kathleen Smith
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. E. Cardenas
President of the Canadian Medical Association
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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:

1. All health care workers should be required to vaccinated for COVID-19 to protect themselves, their families, communities, and health care systems.
2. Health care systems should ensure that vaccination is an integral part of their policies and procedures to protect health care workers and the communities they serve.
3. Health care systems should consider the use of positive incentives, such as financial rewards, to encourage vaccination among health care workers.
4. Health care systems should establish clear communication strategies to inform health care workers about the importance of vaccination.
5. Health care systems should ensure that vaccination is accessible and convenient for health care workers.
6. Health care systems should monitor the effectiveness of vaccination programs and adjust them as necessary.

This policy position is based on the evidence available and the needs of health care systems.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Consensus statement on networks for high-quality rural anesthesia, surgery, and obstetric care in Canada
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TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
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Guiding Principles for the Optimal Use of Data Analytics by Physicians at the Point of Care

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Executive Summary

Electronic health data are being used more widely in medical practice and research. A majority of physicians in Canada have reported using and analyzing data generated by clinical information systems. Physicians are using data analytics to inform clinical decision-making, improve patient care, and enhance the management of health services. The use of data analytics in healthcare is growing, with increasing opportunities to improve patient outcomes and optimize health care delivery.

Data analytics involves the extraction of meaningful insights and knowledge from data. This process requires the integration of data from multiple sources to create a comprehensive picture of patient health and care. Data analytics can be used to identify patterns and trends, predict outcomes, and inform decision-making in clinical and administrative settings.

The use of data analytics in healthcare is subject to ethical and legal considerations. Physicians must ensure that patient privacy and confidentiality are protected, and that data are used in a manner that is consistent with the principles of medical ethics and the law.

Recommendations

1. Physicians should be aware of the potential benefits and risks of using data analytics in healthcare. This includes understanding the limitations of data analytics and the importance of data quality and integrity.
2. Physicians should ensure that data analytics are used in a way that is consistent with the principles of medical ethics and the law.
3. Physicians should engage in ongoing education and training in data analytics to stay current with developments in this field.
4. Physicians should have access to appropriate data analytics tools and support to facilitate their use.
5. Physicians should collaborate with other healthcare professionals to ensure that data analytics are used in a coordinated and integrated manner.
6. Physicians should ensure that data analytics are used to improve patient care and outcomes, rather than as a substitute for clinical judgment.
7. Physicians should ensure that data analytics are used in a way that respects patient privacy and confidentiality.
8. Physicians should be mindful of the potential for data analytics to perpetuate health disparities, and take steps to ensure that data analytics are used in a way that is equitable and inclusive.

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