Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

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RATIONAL
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports initiatives that encourage the development of sustainable and equitable health systems in Canada. Sustainable health systems are those that are just, efficient, and innovative, and that leverage the potential of all people to achieve their highest level of health. Health systems are complex and dynamic environments that consist of health professionals, patients, and communities. They are characterized by multiple levels of organization, including hospitals, primary care clinics, and public health units. Health systems also include government and regulatory agencies, academia, and other stakeholders. The CMA believes that health systems should be designed and managed with a focus on sustainability and equity. This approach requires a systems-thinking perspective, which considers the interconnections and interdependencies between different components of the health system. By adopting a sustainable approach, health systems can better address the needs of diverse populations, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequalities. The CMA supports policies and initiatives that promote sustainable health systems, including those that address climate change, resource conservation, and social determinants of health. These efforts are crucial for achieving the goals of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being.

The CMA encourages stakeholders to collaborate on developing sustainable and equitable health systems in Canada. This includes policymakers, health professionals, researchers, and communities. By working together, these stakeholders can identify innovative solutions that address the challenges facing health systems, and develop strategies that lead to more sustainable and equitable health outcomes. The CMA also advocates for evidence-based policy-making and supports research that informs sustainable health system development.

The CMA Policybase is a comprehensive collection of Canadian medical association policies, positions, and statements. It serves as a valuable resource for health professionals, policymakers, and other stakeholders who are interested in understanding and shaping the future of health care in Canada. The CMA Policybase is regularly updated to reflect the latest developments in health policy and ensure that its content remains relevant and useful.
CMA 2023 Pre-budget Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14490

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CMA Recommendations on Canada’s First National Adaptation Strategy:
Addressing the health impacts of climate change
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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)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14486

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 9, 2022

Thank you for inviting the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to appear before your committee. This is the first time in 60 years that CMA has had the opportunity to address this committee on health policy. I am here today on behalf of the 95,000 members of the CMA.

Thank you, Mr. Chair, for allowing me to introduce Canada's medical community. We are here to share our perspective on the future of our health system and to discuss how we can work together to improve it.

The CMA is the national professional association of physicians in Canada. Our members represent all aspects of medicine and are dedicated to providing the best possible care for their patients.

The CMA has a long history of advocating for better health care in Canada. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that our members have the resources they need to provide the best possible care for their patients.

As you may be aware, our health care system is facing significant challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed weaknesses in our system, and we need to work together to address these issues.

We believe that the following actions are necessary to improve our health care system:

1. Invest in primary care: This will help improve access to care and reduce wait times.
2. Increase funding for training: This will help ensure that we have enough doctors to meet the needs of the population.
3. Improve access to mental health care: This is crucial to providing comprehensive care for patients.

We are committed to working with you to improve our health care system. We believe that by working together, we can create a system that is truly sustainable and beneficial for all Canadians.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.
Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14473

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

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Documents

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

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

March 28, 2022
Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14471

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Documents
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14469

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Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. E. Kirkpatrick Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 16, 2022
Test against drawer
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14468

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Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Documents
CMA 2022 Pre-Budget Submission
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Documents
National Approach to Licensure
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14438

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Documents
Consensus statement on networks for high-quality rural anesthesia, surgery, and obstetric care in Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14477

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Documents
Learning from the pandemic – Transforming and improving Quebec’s health care system

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14388

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Documents
Closing the Gaps: Advancing Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Older Adults
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14384

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Documents
National Standards for Long-Term Care: The art of the possible?
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14383

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https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14381

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Documents

Committee Appearance:
House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA)
November 30, 2020