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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Health human resources

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1 June 2022

Hon. John McCallum
President, Federation Council

In light of the Council of the Federation meeting and Canada’s health funding priorities (health workforce, primary care, labour mobility),

Dear Mr. McCallum,

I write on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), a member of the Council of the Federation (CoF), to lend our voice and express our support of the Council’s recommendation to fund system-wide primary health care as outlined in the health plans of the CoF’s meeting on June 2020.

The CMA recognizes the importance of system-wide primary health care in ensuring the health and well-being of Canadians. The integration of health services and the coordination of care across the health continuum are critical to improving health outcomes for all Canadians. Primary health care is a cornerstone of the Canadian health care system, providing comprehensive, accessible, and patient-centered care. It is the first point of contact for individuals seeking health care services, and it plays a crucial role in delivering high-quality health care across the entire spectrum of care.

As the largest professional organization representing medical practitioners in Canada, the CMA is committed to ensuring that all Canadians have access to quality primary health care. We believe that investing in primary health care is a strategic approach to improving health outcomes, reducing health care costs, and enhancing the efficiency of the health care system.

Thank you for considering our recommendations. We look forward to working with the Council of the Federation to ensure that primary health care is adequately funded and integrated into the overall health care system.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John F. Rogers, MD
President, Canadian Medical Association

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14476

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Population health, health equity, public health

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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
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Development and the Status of
Persons with Disabilities

Dr. Katherine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure
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Study on Canada's Health Workforce
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Health human resources
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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Eileen de Montreuil
President of the Canadian Medical Association

February 10, 2022
Draft against review
Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
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Health human resources
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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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1. All health care workers should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to prevent transmission: their families, communities, and health care systems.
2. With increasing evidence of the efficacy and safety of COVID-19 vaccines, the medical community, health care providers, and patients are working closely to ensure the successful implementation of these vaccines across health care settings and health equity programs.
3. COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most effective and cost-effective ways to protect and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and its associated complications.
4. Effective implementation of vaccination strategies is critical to maximizing the benefits of these vaccines, balancing the risks, and ensuring the highest possible level of effectiveness.
5. The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination include reducing the transmission of COVID-19, minimizing the burden of disease, and improving public health outcomes.

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**CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association**
Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) believes that medical students should have flexibility in medical training. The CMA recognizes that medical training should be tailored to meet the needs of individual students and that medical schools should provide a variety of training options to accommodate different student needs. Flexibility in medical training should include considerations such as the opportunity to pursue specialized interests, the ability to pursue research or postgraduate training, and the option to take time off for personal or family reasons. The CMA also supports the development of policies and programs that promote diversity and inclusion in medical training.

Definitions
- Medical student: A student enrolled in a medical degree program and specifically defined as a full-time student who is in good academic standing and is required to complete the program.
- Specialized interest: A focused area of study, research, or practice that a student may choose to pursue in addition to the standard medical curriculum.
- Research: The pursuit of knowledge through systematic inquiry and analysis.
- Postgraduate training: Training beyond the standard medical degree program, typically involving advanced study or clinical experience.
- Time off: A period during which a student is not actively pursuing their medical education, often for personal or family reasons.

The CMA recommends that medical schools provide clear and accessible information about flexibility in medical training, including policies and procedures for pursuing specialized interests, research, or postgraduate training, and for taking time off. Medical schools should also be responsive to student needs and ensure that flexibility in medical training is not limited by financial considerations.

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Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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MEDICATION USE AND SENIORS

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CMA POLICY

MEDICATION USE AND SENIORS

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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of evidence-based recommendations on medication use and seniors. This policy document updates the previous version of the same policy, which was last reviewed in 2019.

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