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 systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources

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CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Ethics and medical professionalism
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
May 11, 2022
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. Katherine Smart  
President of the Canadian Medical Association  
March 28, 2022  

Chaired by the Honorable Senator Yvonne Boyer  

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: How are you doing today? Thank you for being with us.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Oh, I’m just fine. Thank you. As the president of the Canadian Medical Association, thank you for having us here today.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: We have in front of us Dr. Katherine Smart, president of the Canadian Medical Association. Dr. Smart, for your information, I am Yvonne Boyer, the chair of this committee.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you for having me. I will try to be as short as possible.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Yes, because we have 90 minutes.

Dr. Katherine Smart: All right.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Can you introduce yourself and the Canadian Medical Association? If you want to give a short presentation.

Dr. Katherine Smart: I have a quick slide to show you. I’m the president of the Canadian Medical Association. The Canadian Medical Association is a voluntary professional organization representing over 60,000 physicians across Canada. We’re the national voice of medicine in Canada and we represent the interests of physicians in Canada.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Yes. We welcome you today and wish you good luck today.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: I now call on Dr. Katherine Smart to present.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you for having me here today.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Okay. We will start on time.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Have a great day.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Thank you very much. I’m looking forward to your presentation.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you very much.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Oh, thank you very much for giving us a presentation. We’re looking forward to hearing from you.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you very much. Have a great day.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Thank you very much.

Dr. Katherine Smart: Thank you very much.

The Honourable Senator Yvonne Boyer: Thank you.
Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure
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        Health human resources
        Ethics and medical professionalism

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

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TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance
        Health human resources
        Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Corky Ramsay
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 15, 2022
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Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14468

POLICY TYPE: Parliamentary submission

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TOPICS: Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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**Policy document**

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**TOPICS**
Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

**Documents**
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14443

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2021-06-24

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

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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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources
Valuing Caregivers and Recognizing Their Contribution to Quebec’s Health System

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14373

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2020-09-29
TOPICS  Health human resources
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 - open letter

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14261

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2020-08-13
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents

The Canadian Medical Association

Aug 13, 2020

Dear Minister, Minister

We are writing to you today to raise our concern about the potential for drug shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The current pandemic has highlighted the importance of having a robust supply chain for essential medicines. However, there are several challenges that could lead to shortages in the near future.

Firstly, there is a need to increase the capacity of drug manufacturing. With factories being used for testing and vaccine production, there may be a decrease in the production of other drugs.

Secondly, there is a need to ensure the availability of raw materials. There have been reports of disruptions in the supply of certain raw materials, which could lead to shortages of finished products.

Thirdly, there is a need to increase the import capacity. The current pandemic has led to a decrease in international trade, which could lead to shortages of essential medicines.

We believe that the government should take immediate action to address these challenges. This includes increasing the capacity of drug manufacturing, ensuring the availability of raw materials, and increasing the import capacity.

In conclusion, we urge the government to take immediate action to address the potential for drug shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that this is a matter of public health and we urge you to take action as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
The Canadian Medical Association

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14260

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

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2020-03-23

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources

Documents

March 23, 2020

Dr. Mike Toth
President, Council of Canadians for Health Reform
Dr. David Butler
President, Canadian Medical Association
president@cmaj.ca

Dear Dr. Toth,

We write to express our strong support for your call to action in the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that the health-care system must respond to the crisis in a way that prioritizes the well-being of all Canadians.

We support your recommendations to the government, including:

1. To reduce the administrative burden on front-line health-care providers, including sites of care, to focus on patient care.
2. To ensure that all health-care providers have the necessary resources and support to maintain the highest possible standard of care.
3. To ensure that all health-care providers are able to access the personal protective equipment they need to continue providing care.
4. To ensure that all health-care providers are able to access the personal protective equipment they need to continue providing care.

We urge the government to act swiftly and decisively to address these recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Butler
President, Canadian Medical Association

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association p. 12
Flexibility in Medical Training (Update 2009)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy9485

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LAST REVIEWED: 2020-02-29
DATE: 2009-05-31
REPLACES: Flexibility in Medical Training
TOPICS: Health human resources

Documents
Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11514

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TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Health Canada consultation on reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14078

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2019-05-24
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14052

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Parliamentary submission

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2019-05-14

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism
Health human resources
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents

May 16, 2019

Bill C-13

On June 6, 2018, the Standing Committee on Health, House of Commons, held its first meeting of the 43rd Parliament. The meeting was held to consider Bill C-13, An Act respecting anauthorized palliative care service and related measures, which provides for the establishment of a national palliative care service program and related measures to support the delivery of palliative care services in Canada.

The Standing Committee on Health is tasked with examining and reporting on bills, petitions, and other matters referred to it by the House of Commons. It is responsible for:

1. Examining and reporting on bills referred to it by the House of Commons.
2. Examining and reporting on petitions referred to it by the House of Commons.
3. Examining and reporting on matters referred to it by the House of Commons.
4. Conducting investigations and reporting on matters referred to it by the House of Commons.

The Standing Committee on Health has jurisdiction over:

1. Health care and patient safety
2. Ethics and medical professionalism
3. Health human resources
4. Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents

Scopes of practice

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Scopes of practice
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1237

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- Health human resources
Cannabis for Medical Purposes
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Documents

CMA POLICY

Cannabis for Medical Purposes

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has always recognized the unique requirements of those individuals suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease for whom conventional treatments have not been effective or for whom conventional treatments cannot be tolerated.

Furthermore, there is a growing number of Canadians seriously ill or dying who, with the support of their physicians and family, request assistance to obtain medical cannabis to relieve suffering. The CMA supports the ethical principles of research into alternative therapies and of appropriately monitored access to medical cannabis, provided such access is conducted within a legal framework.

The CMA notes the following recommendations:

1. Increase support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the medical use of cannabis. The CMA recommends the establishment of a supporting research fund, focusing on efficacy for the treatment of cancer, epilepsy, sleep disorders, chronic pain, and spasticity.

2. Support the ongoing regulatory oversight of medical cannabis to ensure safe and appropriate use of cannabis for medical purposes.

3. Increase support for palliative care through training of health professionals to ensure effective and appropriate intervention in the care of patients suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease, including the use of medical cannabis when appropriate.

The CMA strongly encourages legislation to ensure the appropriate and responsible access to medical cannabis for those suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease, while maintaining a strong regulatory framework to ensure appropriate safeguards for the public, patients, and health professionals.
MEDICATION USE AND SENIORS
(UPDATE 2017)

The Canadian Medical Association supports the development of a coordinated national approach to the identification, diagnosis and management of prescription and non-prescription drug use in seniors. Such an approach should be based on evidence-based research and guidelines that are specific to seniors.

The identification of drug use in seniors should be an integral part of routine medical care. Physicians should be encouraged to explore medication histories with all patients, particularly those with multiple chronic conditions. The use of electronic health records and patient self-reporting can help facilitate this process.

Education for seniors and their caregivers on the safe use of medications is crucial. This includes understanding the purpose of each medication, potential side effects, and appropriate dosing. Providers should be encouraged to use patient-friendly language and provide clear instructions.

The use of automated refill systems and e-prescriptions can help reduce medication errors and improve adherence. Seniors should be encouraged to use these services if available.

The Canadian Medical Association recommends that governments and healthcare providers collaborate to develop policies and programs that promote safe medication use in seniors. This includes the development of appropriate regulatory frameworks and funding for research.

Policy change:

- Encourage the development of a coordinated national approach to the identification, diagnosis and management of prescription and non-prescription drug use in seniors.
- Promote the use of electronic health records and patient self-reporting.
- Provide education for seniors and their caregivers on the safe use of medications.
- Encourage the use of automated refill systems and e-prescriptions.
- Collaborate with governments and healthcare providers to develop policies and programs that promote safe medication use in seniors.

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Vision for e-Prescribing: a joint statement by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Pharmacists Association

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2012-12-08

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Health information and e-health
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