Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program
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Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

Dr. Alia Lafontaine
President, Board of the Canadian Medical Association

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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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Dr. Kathleen Smart
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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure
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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Keith Scowman
President of the Canadian Medical Association
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Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
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Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session

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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
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Population health, health equity, public health
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São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health

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Vaccine certificates

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             Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of a coordinated, comprehensive, and evidence-based approach to ensuring safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination programs. To this end, the CMA welcomes the development of a national strategy to support and guide the implementation of vaccine mandates and other measures aimed at protecting public health and ensuring the continued delivery of essential health care services.

2. The CMA recommends that provincial and territorial governments collaborate with health care providers to develop and implement effective communication strategies to address potential barriers to vaccine uptake and to promote public confidence in the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. This should include transparent and evidence-based messaging, as well as the provision of clear guidelines and resources for health care providers.

3. The CMA supports the development of policies and practices that facilitate equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, particularly for vulnerable populations such as racialized communities, low-income individuals, and those with limited access to health care services.

4. The CMA recommends that health care providers be provided with training and support to ensure they are equipped to deliver vaccines safely and effectively. This includes training on infection control and occupational health, as well as ongoing support to address any challenges that may arise during the implementation of vaccine programs.

5. The CMA supports the development of incentives and supports to encourage the uptake of COVID-19 vaccines, including financial assistance for those who may face financial barriers to vaccination.

6. The CMA encourages the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of vaccine programs to ensure they are effective, safe, and equitable. This includes regular reporting on vaccine coverage, efficacy, and adverse events, as well as the ability to respond quickly to any emerging concerns.
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Policy document

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Vaccine acceptance

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Global vaccine equity

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Ethics and medical professionalism
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Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendation:
1. Ensure that there is sufficient access to vaccines worldwide. The Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) should be strengthened and expanded.
2. Strengthen routine immunization programs and address vaccine hesitancy.
3. Expand access to vaccines and ensure equitable distribution.
4. Support the development and production of vaccines in low-income countries.
5. Increase access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Implementation:
- Develop strategies to ensure equitable access to vaccines.
- Strengthen supply chains for vaccine distribution.
- Promote the use of affordable vaccines.

Conclusion:
In summary, global efforts toward vaccine equity are crucial to achieving universal health coverage. The CMA supports equitable access to vaccines to prevent and control infectious diseases, ensuring no one is left behind.

For more information, visit https://www.cma.ca/global-vaccine-equity.
Return to school during COVID-19
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14452

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Policy recommendation

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)
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Population health, health equity, public health

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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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Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

INTRODUCTION

Drug use among older adults is an emerging concern. A substantial proportion of seniors use prescription drugs for chronic conditions, but the use of cannabis and other illicit drugs also occurs. Research suggests that cannabis use among seniors is underreported due to social stigma and fear of negative consequences.

EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT POLICY

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of evidence-based policy making. Studies have shown that decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use can lead to improved health outcomes and reduced harm. A well-regulated approach to cannabis use, particularly in the context of seniors, can provide safer options than an illegal market.

CONCLUSION

The CMA supports a policy of decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use. This approach, when properly regulated, can contribute to improved health outcomes and reduced harm for seniors and the general population.
The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14441

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021
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TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021

Dr. E. Ann Gallagher
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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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