CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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

Documents
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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Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

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Dr. Alba Lafontaine
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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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Health systems, system funding and performance

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

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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

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- Health systems, system funding and performance
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Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
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  Health human resources
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Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:

Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

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Recommendations for federal action to address Canada’s health care crisis
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Documents
Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session
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2021-11-17

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

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

Documents
Vaccine certificates
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Policy document

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2021-08-21

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

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

documents

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:

1. All health care workers should be encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Those who have serious or terminal illness should be excused. Special circumstances should be considered.

This policy was developed in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and may be subject to change as new data and evidence become available.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Vaccine acceptance
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Policy document

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2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Global vaccine equity
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14451

Policy document
2021-08-21
Ethics and medical professionalism
Population health, health equity, public health

Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendation:
1. Ensuring global health equity in vaccine distribution is crucial to managing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and preventing future pandemics.
2. Increasing vaccine equity requires international cooperation and commitment to ensure that all countries, especially low and middle-income countries, have access to vaccines.
3. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the World Health Organization’s (WHO) “Vaccine Equity for All” initiative, which aims to ensure that all countries have access to safe and effective vaccines.

Background:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for global health equity in vaccine distribution.
- While some countries have made significant progress in vaccinating their populations, many low and middle-income countries remain lagging.
- The CMA has called for increased attention to vaccine equity and the need for equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines globally.

Conclusion:

The CMA recommends that governments and international organizations collaborate to ensure that vaccines are distributed equitably and access to vaccines is not influenced by economic status or geographic location.

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Return to school during COVID-19

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Policy document

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2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Return to school during COVID-19

Policy recommendation

1. The CMA recommends that governments ensure the immediate prioritization of vulnerable and underserved populations (e.g., racialized communities, First Nations, Métis, Inuit, academic�es living in congregate settings, and vulnerable elders) in the vaccination program.

2. To mitigate and reduce the risk of outbreaks, governments should endeavor to ensure that school settings are not considered community hubs or superspread event sites.

3. Governments should support the implementation of robust testing, contact tracing, and isolation protocols to identify and manage potential cases and outbreaks.

4. The CMA recommends that school officials work closely with health authorities to develop and implement effective communication strategies to ensure that families and students are well-informed about the protocols in place.

5. The CMA encourages schools and educational authorities to collaborate with local public health units to ensure the implementation of effective infection control measures.

6. It is imperative that all stakeholders work together to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff in schools.

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)
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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Documents
Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

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2021-06-24

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

Documents
The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults

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Parliamentary submission

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2021-06-23

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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
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Documents

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

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