CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework

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WHAT IT IS

The purpose of this statement is to provide the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) with an overview of its policies on the governance of health information. The statement outlines the CMA's position on the importance of health information governance in the context of patient care and health systems. It also provides guidance on how to ensure that health information is managed in a way that respects patient confidentiality and privacy rights.

WHAT IT DOES

The CMA’s statement on the governance of health information is intended to support the development of a comprehensive health information governance framework that is consistent with the CMA’s values and principles. The statement aims to provide a clear and comprehensive framework for the management of health information, while also ensuring that patient privacy and confidentiality are protected.

WHAT IT SAYS

The statement begins by acknowledging the importance of health information in contemporary health care, and the need to safeguard patient privacy and confidentiality. It highlights the role of health information in improving patient outcomes, while also emphasizing the importance of ensuring that health information is managed in a way that respects patient confidentiality and privacy rights.

The statement provides guidance on how to ensure that health information is managed in a way that respects patient confidentiality and privacy rights. It emphasizes the importance of ensuring that health information is stored and used in a way that is consistent with patient confidentiality and privacy rights.

The statement is intended to provide a clear and comprehensive framework for the management of health information, while also ensuring that patient privacy and confidentiality are protected. It is intended to support the development of a comprehensive health information governance framework that is consistent with the CMA’s values and principles.
Virtual Care in Canada: progress and potential. Report of the Virtual Care Task Force
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Health information and e-health

Documents
Digital Health Care and Competition – a perspective from The Canadian Medical Association
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Documents
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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Health information and e-health

Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission

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2020-08-07

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Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health information and e-health
Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
Guiding principles for the optimal use of data analytics by physicians at the point of care

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11812

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TOPICS  Health information and e-health

Documents
Principles concerning physician information
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy208

POLICY TYPE: Policy document
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DATE: 2002-06-02
TOPICS: Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Putting Patients First: Comments on Bill C 6 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act): Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1979

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TOPICS: Ethics and medical professionalism
Health care and patient safety
Health information and e-health
“Putting Patients First”

Comments on Bill C-6
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act)

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Nov. 27 1999
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Executive Summary

CMA comments that the federal government be seeking more effective means to protect the rights of patients and the confidentiality of their medical information. The urgency of such action can be appreciated given that the HIPAA of similar American legislation makes HIPAA, naming the patient privacy and confidentiality, a deliberate focus on electronic protection.

Canadian’s chief concern with Bill C-6 is the legislative purpose of patient and the confidentiality of medical information. For example, the legislation specifically states that the purpose of the Act is to promote patient autonomy and to ensure control of personal information. It is difficult to see how the Act would support, in any way, the requirements of Bill C-6.

The Act is not explicit in the Act that patients have the right to access their personal information. For example, the Act does not provide for patients to receive a record of the information maintained about them. In addition, there is no requirement for the health information to be shared among health care institutions. Therefore, such a recorded health information could be used as a basis for the development of medical research without patient consultation or consent.

Furthermore, patients’ access to their health information is not formally prohibited by the Act. However, the Act provides for the access of health information without patient consultation or consent. This would be contrary to the principle of patient autonomy and to the rights of patients to access their health information.

The Act also fails to recognize the importance of patient confidentiality. For example, the Act does not provide for the protection of personal information from unauthorized disclosure. This would be contrary to the rights of patients to maintain the confidentiality of their personal information.

In conclusion, the Act is not effective in protecting the rights of patients and the confidentiality of their medical information. The Act should be revised to provide for the protection of patients’ rights and to ensure control of personal information.
“Listening to our Patient’s Concerns”

Comments on Bill C-54
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act)

Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

March 18, 1999

(Canadian Medical Association)

Documents

Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in Ambulatory Clinical Practice

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy9117

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DATE  2008-02-23
TOPICS  Health information and e-health

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10670

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TOPICS  Health information and e-health
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13860

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2018-03-03

TOPICS
Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Principles for the protection of patient privacy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13833

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

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2017-12-09

REPLACES
PD11-03 Principles for the Protection of Patients' Personal Health Information

TOPICS
Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11521

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TOPICS
Health information and e-health
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Amendments to PIPEDA, Bill S-4
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11194

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2014-06-09
TOPICS  Health information and e-health
         Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents