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 outline the framework for the development of a national patient-partnered health information governance framework to support the management and sharing of health information across the health system. This framework is intended to ensure that health information is managed in a way that respects patient privacy, promotes patient access to their own health information, and supports the delivery of high-quality health care.

The framework will:
1. Establish a patient-partnered governance model for the management of health information across the health system.
2. Support the development of a national patient-partnered health information governance framework.
3. Promote the integration of patient-partnered governance into the delivery of health care.
4. Support the development of a national patient-partnered health information governance framework.

The framework is intended to be applied across all levels of health care, from primary care to acute care, and to all health information systems.
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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position summary:

1. All health care workers should be encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccination. Their families, communities, and relevant health care workers.

2. Efforts leading to the widespread acceptance of COVID-19 vaccination and health care worker policies should be based on evidence of the health benefits, health equity perspectives, and ethical considerations.

3. COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most effective tools to engage health care workers. Individual choice on vaccination should be part of a comprehensive vaccination and workforce planning strategy. The mandatory vaccination must include both the planning, implementation, and evaluation of effective strategies.

4. The mandatory vaccination program should be designed to ensure that all health care workers receive fair, equitable, and timely access to COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccination program must also consider the impact of the pandemic on vaccination uptake and the potential for disruption of health care services and workforce planning strategies.

5. The mandatory vaccination program should be implemented in a coordinated and transparent manner, ensuring the participation of all stakeholders, including patients, health care workers, and the general public. It should be designed to promote public health and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, while minimizing any unintended consequences.

6. The mandatory vaccination program should be evaluated regularly to assess its effectiveness, impact on the health care system, and compliance with ethical and legal standards.

7. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the mandatory vaccination program for health care workers and encourages health care facilities to implement effective strategies to promote and facilitate vaccination, while respecting the rights and preferences of individual health care workers.

8. The CMA recommends that health care facilities develop and implement vaccination programs that respect the principles of transparency, voluntariness, and non-discrimination, and that take into account the diversity of the workforce and the communities they serve.

9. The CMA supports the participation of health care workers in the development and implementation of vaccination programs to ensure that they reflect the needs and perspectives of the health care workforce and the communities they serve.

10. The CMA encourages health care facilities to provide ongoing support and education for health care workers to promote and facilitate vaccination, and to ensure that vaccination programs are adapted to meet the unique needs and circumstances of their workforce.

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Vaccine acceptance
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Global vaccine equity

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Global vaccine equity

Full policy recommendation:

1. Canada should take meaningful steps to ensure equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines globally. This includes working with other countries to ensure that the vaccines are produced and distributed fairly to all countries, especially the least developed countries.

2. Increased global vaccine production capacity is needed in order to meet the needs of the world's population and ensure equitable access to vaccines. Countries should work together to support vaccine production and distribution initiatives.

3. The Canadian government should use its influence and leverage to support global efforts to promote vaccine equity, such as through funding and diplomatic engagement.

4. Canada should support international efforts to ensure that vaccines are made available to all, regardless of income level, and that healthcare workers and those who are most vulnerable are among the first to receive vaccines.

5. The Canadian government should provide clear and accessible information about the vaccine to the public, including details about its effectiveness, safety, and distribution.

Conclusion:

Canada has a responsibility to promote global vaccine equity and ensure that all people have access to safe and effective vaccines. This requires leadership, coordination, and cooperation with other countries and international organizations.

References:


Return to school during COVID-19

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Return to school during COVID-19

Policy recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) urges governments to prepare in advance for a potential resurgence of COVID-19 and to develop and implement plans to ensure the health and safety of students, teachers, and other school staff, as well as the general public. These plans should be based on the latest scientific evidence and should be guided by principles of equity, accessibility, and transparency.

2. Governments should ensure that schools have adequate access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and that staff and students are provided with appropriate training on its use.

3. Masks should be worn by all students and staff when in school settings, unless exempted by public health guidelines.

4. Social distancing measures should be implemented in schools, including cohorting and the use of physical barriers when possible.

5. Regular testing of students and staff, especially in high-risk settings, should be considered to detect and contain outbreaks.

6. Adequate ventilation in school buildings is crucial to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Governments should ensure that schools have adequate ventilation systems and that windows are opened when possible.

7. Vaccination programs should be prioritized for school staff and students, especially those in high-risk settings.

8. Mental health support should be available to students and staff to address the stress and anxiety associated with the pandemic.

9. Governments should provide ongoing support and resources to schools, including funding for PPE, testing, and mental health services.

10. The CMA recommends that schools and communities actively engage with each other to ensure effective communication and collaboration in implementing public health measures.

11. The CMA encourages ongoing research and evaluation to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on schools and to inform future policy recommendations.

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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**Policy Recommendations**

1. The CMA recommends, in consultation with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), that the interchangeability of vaccines be considered in Canada, based on the best available evidence and clinical expertise.

2. The Government of Canada, in consultation with the provinces and territories, should consider the development of a national framework for the interchangeability of vaccines to facilitate equitable access to vaccines in Canada.

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**Footnotes**

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Submission to the Competition Bureau Market Study on Digital Health Care
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