Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada

RATIONALS

The Canadian Medical Association encourages the promotion of health systems in Canada that pursue environmentally sustainable health systems. Such health systems are characterized by their integration of the principles of environmental sustainability into the development, delivery, and organization of health services. In practice, this means developing and implementing policies and programs that enable the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based health care while protecting and enhancing the environment, as well as promoting health and well-being.

Historically, the development of health care facilities and services has often been driven by economic considerations rather than environmental sustainability. However, as the importance of environmental sustainability becomes more widely recognized, there is growing interest in developing health care systems that are environmentally sustainable. This involves considering the environmental impacts of health care decisions, such as the use of resources, energy, and waste management, and incorporating environmentally sustainable practices into the design and operation of health care facilities and services.

In addition, the health care sector is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of pollution, particularly through the use of fossil fuels for heating, electricity generation, and transportation. By adopting environmentally sustainable practices, the health care sector can reduce its environmental footprint and contribute to global efforts to combat climate change.

The CMA Policy on Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada provides a framework for the development of environmentally sustainable health systems in Canada. The policy highlights the importance of integrating environmental sustainability into health care decision-making and encourages health care providers and policymakers to consider the environmental impacts of their actions and to develop policies and programs that promote environmental sustainability in health care.

In conclusion, the CMA Policy on Environmentally Sustainable Health Systems in Canada emphasizes the need for health care systems in Canada to be environmentally sustainable. This requires a commitment to integrating environmental sustainability into the development, delivery, and organization of health services, and a focus on promoting health and well-being while protecting and enhancing the environment.
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Introducing

This report looks at the critical intersections in the long-term care sector of Canada’s health care system to improve care for older adults. The Study looked into the current state of long-term care in Canada - an issue that has long been a concern for the CMA. It examined the following areas:

1. The impact of long-term care on health outcomes.
2. The relationship between health and long-term care.
3. The challenges faced by long-term care providers.
4. The role of government in long-term care.

The report highlights the need for a comprehensive approach to improving long-term care in Canada. It calls for a long-term care system that is effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of older adults. It also emphasizes the importance of involving consumers, caregivers, and long-term care providers in the planning and delivery of care.

The CMA has long advocated for better long-term care in Canada. This report is a critical step in advancing this agenda and improving the health outcomes of older adults in Canada.
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