Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

Dr. Katharine Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association

May 9, 2022
Thank you, Chairperson.
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. Alka Shaw
President and CEO of the Canadian Medical Association

May 3, 2022

(The text begins with an introduction and then delves into the administration and accessibility of the program, highlighting challenges and proposed solutions.)
Health Human Resource Policy Recommendations: Summary. Briefing to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
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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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2022-03-28

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Health human resources
Health systems, system funding and performance

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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

(Check legal and editorial)
Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

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TOPICS:
- Health systems, system funding and performance
- Health human resources
- Ethics and medical professionalism

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Federal Policy Options to Advance Pan-Canadian Licensure

Improving health care by reducing interprovincial and interterritorial barriers

February 22, 2022
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

Dr. E. Kirkwood Smart
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 16, 2022

Deal against disease
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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Population health, health equity, public health
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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online

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The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
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POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
DATE: 2021-10-20
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Documents
Vaccine certificates

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14448

POLICY TYPE: Policy document
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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 document

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Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Facts and recommendations:

1. All health care workers should ideally be vaccinated against COVID-19; however, they may decline vaccination for a variety of reasons. In this context, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that vaccination is considered an essential aspect of infection prevention and control in health care settings. However, the CMA acknowledges that health care workers may have valid concerns about the safety and efficacy of vaccines and may choose not to be vaccinated. The CMA also recognizes the importance of informed consent and respect for individual autonomy.

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of vaccination as a critical component of effective public health strategies. The CMA supports the development of vaccination policies that are based on scientific evidence and that are consistent with public health guidance and best practices.

3. The CMA supports the development of vaccination policies that are consistent with public health guidance and best practices. The CMA recommends that vaccination policies be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including public health officials, health care workers, and patient advocates.

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## Vaccine acceptance

Vaccine acceptance is crucial for achieving herd immunity and controlling infectious diseases. Effective vaccine acceptance programs should address the following key points:

1. **Immunization Education**: Provide clear, accurate, and accessible information about vaccine safety, benefits, and potential side effects. Use multiple languages and literacy levels to reach diverse communities.

2. **Addressing Misinformation**: Work with community leaders and influencers to dispel myths and misunderstandings about vaccines. Collaborate with local media to educate the public on the importance of vaccination.

3. **Facilitate Convenience**: Ensure that vaccination services are accessible and convenient. This includes offering vaccination clinics in underserved areas and extending clinic hours to accommodate different schedules.

4. **Inclusive Engagement**: Involve community members in the planning and implementation of vaccination programs. This can help ensure that the needs and concerns of diverse populations are addressed.

5. **Monitor and Evaluate**: Regularly assess the effectiveness of vaccination programs. Use surveillance data to identify trends and barriers to vaccination and adjust strategies as needed.

### References


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**Note**: The information provided is a summary of key points from the source document and does not constitute a complete or exhaustive list. For more detailed guidance, please refer to the original policy document.
Global vaccine equity

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Documents

Global vaccine equity

Policy position recommendation:

1. Canada must make humane access to vaccines a global priority. The global vaccine shortfall must be addressed through international cooperation and solidarity.
2. Canada must work to ensure equitable access to vaccines for all countries.
3. Canada must advocate for increased funding for vaccine research and development.
4. Canada must support the World Health Organization's vaccine equity initiative.
5. Canada must ensure that vaccines are distributed fairly and equitably.

Background:

1. Canada has a moral obligation to support developing countries in their fight against COVID-19.
2. The global vaccine equity initiative is a critical step towards achieving this objective.
3. Canada must provide significant financial and technical support to ensure that vaccines are available to all.
4. Canada must work to ensure that vaccines are produced locally in developing countries.

Conclusion:

1. Canada must take a leadership role in the global vaccine equity initiative.
2. Canada must work with international partners to ensure that vaccines are accessible to all.
3. Canada must continue to support vaccine research and development.
4. Canada must ensure that vaccines are distributed fairly and equitably.

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Policy recommendation

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)
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Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Firearms Control (Update 2021)
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Documents
CMA Letter – Bill C-30 Implementation
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