CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

In the current recommendations:

1. The federal government's regional guidelines and directives should be followed to ensure the most current information is provided to patients. Physicians should not be expected to provide information on behalf of their own local public health authorities.

2. In general, the patient's right to confidentiality should be respected except in cases where the patient's health is at risk or there is an immediate, serious threat to public health.

3. Physicians should be cautious about disclosing their own vaccination status to patients. They should ensure that the information is accurate and up-to-date.

4. Where disclosure is necessary, it should be done in a professional and responsible manner, and with the patient's consent.

5. Physicians should consider the following when disclosing their vaccination status:

   a. The patient's right to confidentiality must be respected.
   b. The patient's health is at risk or there is an immediate, serious threat to public health.
   c. The information disclosed should be accurate and up-to-date.
   d. The disclosure should be done in a professional and responsible manner.
   e. The patient's consent should be obtained if possible.

6. Physicians should also consider the potential for discrimination or harm resulting from disclosing their vaccination status.

7. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has developed a COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy, which provides guidance for physicians on how to address intellectual property issues related to COVID-19 vaccines.

8. The CMA encourages physicians to consult with their local public health authorities and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that the information provided to patients is accurate and up-to-date.

9. The CMA also encourages physicians to seek additional resources and support from professional organizations and other relevant stakeholders to address the challenges related to the disclosure of COVID-19 vaccination status.
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

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Introduction:

Considerations: Key elements in an enlightened understanding of options are:...
Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 – open letter
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Physician practice, compensation, forms
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Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll
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Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
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Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19
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Rural and remote practice issues
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Promoting medicine as a career for rural high school students (Resolution BD88-03-78)

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms

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The treating physician’s role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2013)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10754

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DATE  2013-05-25
REPLACES  The physician’s role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2010)
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Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes
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Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

The legalization of cannabis for recreational purposes recently came into effect in Canada. As of October 17, 2018, and pursuant to the federal government, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has released its position statement on cannabis legalization.

The CMA acknowledges the potential medical benefits of cannabis use, particularly for certain medical conditions. However, the CMA continues to advocate for a regulated and controlled approach to cannabis legalization, ensuring public health and safety.

The CMA recommends that healthcare professionals:

- Educate patients on the potential risks and benefits of cannabis use.
- Encourage patients to consider alternative treatments where appropriate.
- Advocate for comprehensive research on cannabis and its effects on health.
- Support policies that promote public health and safety.

The CMA encourages healthcare professionals to stay informed about the latest developments in cannabis research and policy, and to engage in discussions with patients about the appropriate use of cannabis in medical contexts.

The CMA is committed to promoting the health and well-being of Canadians and will continue to monitor developments related to cannabis legalization and its impact on public health.

The Canadian Medical Association has consistently opposed cannabis use for recreational purposes and continues to advocate for policies that prioritize public health and safety.
Health Canada consultation on reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products
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Auditing Physician Billings

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Documents

Auditing Physician Billings

Purpose:

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Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the unique requirements of homeless individuals in terms of their need for and access to medical services, despite the fact that commercial provision of health services is not averse to their needs, as long as adequate resources are available.

Homeless individuals may have certain needs in terms of their health and access to medical services, despite the fact that commercial provision of health services is not averse to their needs, as long as adequate resources are available. This includes the needs of individuals living in shelters, street people, and other individuals who are homeless.

The CMA supports the following recommendations:

1. Increase support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the medical use of cannabis. This includes support for research and for the development of treatment guidelines, as well as for the development of tools to support the safe and effective use of cannabis.

2. Implement a comprehensive and evidence-based approach to the regulation of cannabis, including the development of guidelines for the safe and effective use of cannabis.

3. Increase support for the development of treatment guidelines for medical purposes, as well as for the development of tools to support the safe and effective use of cannabis.

The CMA encourages all levels of government to work together to ensure that the needs of homeless individuals are met, and to ensure that adequate resources are available to support the provision of health services.
Medication use and seniors (Update 2017)

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REPLACES: Medication use and seniors
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Vision for e-Prescribing: a joint statement by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Pharmacists Association

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TOPICS Health information and e-health
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A new vision for Canada: family practice— the patient’s medical home 2019
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Health Canada consultation on edible cannabis, extracts & topicals
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14020

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CMA response:

HEALTH CANADA CONSULTATION ON EDIBLE CANNABIS, EXTRACTS & TOPICALS

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