CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Documents
Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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Documents
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

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COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy position recommendation

1. The CMA encourages Governments of the nations participating in the global vaccine supply chain to facilitate open access to vaccine intellectual property to enable access by all countries to effective COVID-19 vaccines.

2. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to support a temporary, global, waiver of vaccine intellectual property rights under the Budapest Treaty, as recognized by the World Health Organization, to facilitate global access to the COVID-19 vaccines.

3. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to support the WHO's Global Vaccine Action Plan and the Global Health Security Agenda, which aim to ensure equitable access to health technologies, to realize global health equity.

4. The CMA encourages all Canadian health care organizations to implement policies and procedures that support equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Introduction

In recent years, the medical community has been largely successful in managing the global health threat posed by COVID-19. This success has been achieved through international collaboration and the rapid development and deployment of vaccines. However, the distribution of these vaccines has been uneven, with wealthier countries securing vaccination programs and access to vaccines.

To the extent possible, Canadian clinicians have been provided with adequate supplies of vaccines, but there has been a global disparity in vaccine distribution. In some countries, many people have not had access to vaccines, leading to continued transmission and the emergence of variants. This has underscored the importance of global intellectual property rights and vaccine access.

However, it is clear that a transparent and equitable access to vaccines is critical for controlling the pandemic.

Policy Brief: CSAM-SMCA in Support of the Decriminalization of Drug Use and Possession for Personal Use

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14443

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Documents
Taking action on drug shortages during Covid-19 - open letter
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14261

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Documents

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
CMA Pre-budget Submission
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TOPICS  Physician practice, compensation, forms
        Health information and e-health
        Health care and patient safety
        Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14258

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TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents

Submission in Response to the Consultation on the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy: Keeping Medical Clinic Employees on the Payroll

June 5, 2020
Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14247

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Parliamentary submission

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2020-06-02

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14260

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2020-03-23

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health systems, system funding and performance
Health human resources

Documents
Rural and remote practice issues
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy211

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REPLACES
Promoting medicine as a career for rural high school students (Resolution BD88-03-78)

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms

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

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

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REPLACES
The physician's role in helping patients return to work after an illness or injury (Update 2010)

TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Authorizing Cannabis for Medical Purposes

POLICY TYPE  Policy document
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TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Health Canada consultation on reducing youth access and appeal of vaping products
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14078

POLICY TYPE: Response to consultation
DATE: 2019-05-24
TOPICS: Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14052

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TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Auditing Physician Billings
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1878

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Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Cannabis for Medical Purposes

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TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

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Cannabis for Medical Purposes

Limitations

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA), however, recognizes the urgency requirements of those individuals suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease for which conventional therapeutic treatments have not been effective and for whom cannabis may be beneficial.

Pursuant, therefore, number of concerns, generally related to the limited evidence to support clinical usefulness of cannabis, the CMA requests that regulations be made for medical purposes, and for the need for research.

The CMA recommends that the following considerations be made:

1. Increased support for the advancement of scientific knowledge about the medical use of cannabis. The CMA recommends that support for research into the medical effects, efficacy, and safety of cannabis and its products be increased, and that relevant Canadian and international expertise be tapped.

2. Increased support for increased awareness and education of the public by the federal, provincial, and territorial governments.

3. Increased support for the establishment of committees for medical purposes or their equivalent, authorized to prescribe or distribute cannabis to those suffering from terminal illness or chronic disease, as recommended by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the Medical Council of Canada, and the Canadian Medical Association.

The CMA also recommends that the government create a national framework to provide a legal and regulatory framework for medical cannabis, and that a national regulatory authority undertake the necessary oversight to ensure the safe and effective distribution of cannabis for medical purposes.
MEDICATION USE AND SENIORS

UPDATE 2017

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the need for evidence-based prescribing practices for seniors. This includes the use of medications, the prevention of medication errors, and the management of medications in a safe and effective manner.

The CMA encourages healthcare providers to consider the following when prescribing medications for seniors:

1. Assess the patient's medical history, current medications, and potential for drug interactions.
2. Consider the patient's physical and cognitive status, as many seniors may have age-related impairments.
3. Use appropriate dosages for seniors, as they may have altered pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics.
4. Implement strategies to prevent medication errors, such as medication reconciliation and use of electronic prescribing systems.
5. Provide clear and concise medication-related information to patients and caregivers, including potential side effects and interactions.

The CMA also recommends the following for healthcare providers:

1. Participate in continuing education programs to stay informed about evidence-based prescribing practices for seniors.
2. Collaborate with pharmacy and other healthcare providers to ensure safe and effective medication management.
3. Advocate for policies and programs that support evidence-based prescribing practices for seniors.

By implementing these strategies, healthcare providers can contribute to the safe and effective use of medications for seniors, reducing the risk of medication errors and improving overall health outcomes.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
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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Documents
A new vision for Canada: family practice— the patient’s medical home 2019

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14024

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