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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online

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Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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Disclosures

1. The duty to maintain patient confidentiality includes the duty of confidentiality where relevant patient information is shared with another health provider for the patient’s care. It is not in breach of confidentiality to disclose that a physician has been vaccinated. The duty to maintain confidentiality does not apply in situations where a physician is required by law to disclose this information (e.g., under the Public Health Act). This information is shared to promote a patient’s safety and to maintain the trust between patients and their physicians.

2. Physicians wish to ensure that their patients are aware of their vaccination status. This information may be shared with a patient to encourage the patient to seek vaccination, to inform the patient of the potential benefits of vaccination, or to provide information to support vaccination decisions.

3. It is not in breach of confidentiality to disclose that a physician has been vaccinated. The duty to maintain confidentiality does not apply in situations where a physician is required by law to disclose this information (e.g., under the Public Health Act).

4. The duty to maintain patient confidentiality includes the duty of confidentiality where relevant patient information is shared with another health provider for the patient’s care. It is not in breach of confidentiality to disclose that a physician has been vaccinated. The duty to maintain confidentiality does not apply in situations where a physician is required by law to disclose this information (e.g., under the Public Health Act). This information is shared to promote a patient’s safety and to maintain the trust between patients and their physicians.
COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy positions recommendation

1. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada participate in the global vaccine pooling initiative led by the World Health Organization, the Global Fund, the World Bank, and the United Nations Foundation to ensure equitable access to vaccines.

2. The CMA recommends the Government of Canada support a temporary, multilateral, waiver of all intellectual property (IP) rules under the World Trade Organization Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) agreement.

3. The Canadian government take any measures on its own, including in its international obligations to facilitate increased access to COVID-19 vaccines.

4. The CMA recommends that

   a. the Canadian government set an ambitious and internationally binding minimum commitment to increase global access to vaccines and consider a multilateral, temporary, and non-commercial licence for COVID-19 vaccines.

   b. the Government of Canada engage with international organizations such as Gavi and the Access to COVID-19 Tools and Innovation Summit to support equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

   c. the Canadian government support the development of a transparent, global pricing model for COVID-19 vaccines to ensure affordability and accessibility.

   d. the Canadian government encourage and support innovative approaches to ensure COVID-19 vaccine accessibility.

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Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that all health care workers (HCWs) be required to provide evidence of having received COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment. This recommendation is based on the principles of public health and professional ethics. HCWs have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of their patients, colleagues, and the community. Vaccination is the most effective way to achieve herd immunity and protect vulnerable populations.

2. The CMA recognizes the growing body of evidence that support the use of digital vaccine certificates as a means to facilitate the safe reintegration of travel and economic activity. Digital vaccine certificates can provide a secure and efficient means to verify vaccination status, ensuring that neither healthcare workers nor patients face unnecessary barriers to accessing care.

3. The CMA supports the development of a safe and effective digital vaccine certificate system that respects individual privacy and ensures the security of personal health information. Such a system should be developed in accordance with national and international standards for data protection and privacy.

4. The CMA encourages the adoption of a multi-tiered approach to vaccine verification, including the use of digital vaccine certificates for international travel, where necessary, and the use of alternative methods, such as traditional paper-based vaccination cards, for domestic purposes.

5. The CMA recommends that healthcare providers use digital vaccine certificates to verify vaccination status in the context of providing medical care, including in emergency settings, where traditional methods of verification may not be feasible.

6. The CMA supports the development of a national framework for the issuance and acceptance of digital vaccine certificates, including the establishment of standards for the design, development, and deployment of such systems.

7. The CMA encourages the use of digital vaccine certificates by international organizations and governments to facilitate the safe and efficient reintegration of travel and economic activity.

8. The CMA recommends that digital vaccine certificates be used in conjunction with ongoing public health surveillance and monitoring to identify potential outbreaks and ensure the continued safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines.
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Documents
Global vaccine equity
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Global vaccine equity

Policy recommendation:

1. Canada should take a human rights approach to vaccine rollout. The CMA recommends that Canada implement a strategic national vaccination plan to ensure equitable access to vaccines, with a focus on population health and public health equity. This plan should be guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and inclusivity.

2. The CMA urges health authorities to establish clear and consistent criteria for vaccine prioritization, taking into account factors such as age, comorbidities, and occupational risk.

3. The CMA supports the expansion of vaccination programs to ensure that all Canadians have access to vaccines, regardless of their location or socioeconomic status.

4. The CMA recommends that health authorities prioritize the vaccination of vulnerable populations, including Indigenous communities, people with disabilities, and those living in remote areas.

5. The CMA encourages the use of innovative approaches to vaccine delivery, such as mobile vaccination units, to increase access to vaccines in underserved communities.

6. The CMA supports the development of policies and programs to address vaccine hesitancy and ensure that the public has access to accurate and reliable information about vaccines.

7. The CMA urges the government to invest in the research and development of new vaccines and therapies, to ensure that Canada remains a leader in global health innovation.

8. The CMA recommends that health authorities work with community organizations and leaders to develop culturally sensitive and inclusive vaccination programs.

9. The CMA encourages the government to provide financial support to health care providers and organizations to cover the costs of vaccine distribution and administration.

10. The CMA supports the development of policies and programs to ensure that the benefits of vaccination are equitably shared, including through the provision of affordable vaccines and the expansion of health care services.

11. The CMA recommends that health authorities prioritize the vaccination of health care workers, to ensure their safety and the continued delivery of essential health care services.

12. The CMA supports the development of policies and programs to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to transportation and other support services to facilitate vaccination.

13. The CMA encourages the government to work with international partners to ensure that vaccines are distributed equitably, in line with global health priorities.

14. The CMA recommends that health authorities prioritize the vaccination of migrant workers, to protect their health and safety and to ensure that their contributions to the economy are not undermined.

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Return to school during COVID-19
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Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position/recommendation

1. The Canadian Society for Immunology recommends that vaccines be stored and administered according to the manufacturer's guidelines, taking into account the potential for interchangeability of vaccines. It is important to ensure that healthcare providers have access to the relevant information and guidance on vaccine interchangeability.

2. The interchangeability of vaccines should be based on the evidence available and the potential for vaccine mixtures to be effective and safe.

3. The Canadian Society for Immunology recommends that healthcare providers be trained in the proper storage and administration of vaccines to ensure their effectiveness and safety.

Evidence-based recommendations (EBR)

1. The interchangeability of vaccines should be based on the evidence available and the potential for vaccine mixtures to be effective and safe.

2. Healthcare providers should be trained in the proper storage and administration of vaccines to ensure their effectiveness and safety.

3. The evidence for vaccine interchangeability should be based on randomized controlled trials and observational studies, whenever possible.

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Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021

Dr. E. Ann Golden
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May 20, 2021
Dear Honourable Members of the Committee:

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is pleased to appear before your Committee to discuss Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021.

As a national organization representing over 60,000 physicians and medical students across Canada, CMA is committed to advocating for policies that support the health and well-being of all Canadians. In today's context, this includes addressing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for sustained investment in public health measures.

In our submission, we will highlight the importance of equitable access to health care, particularly in the context of virtual care. We will also discuss the ongoing need for adequate funding for public health initiatives, including vaccination programs and infectious disease surveillance.

We look forward to engaging with you on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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President, CMA

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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