CMA Recommendations on Canada’s First National Adaptation Strategy: Addressing the health impacts of climate change
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14484

POLICY TYPE: Parliamentary submission
DATE: 2022-06-23
TOPICS: Population health, health equity, public health
Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14476

POLICY TYPE          Parliamentary submission
DATE                2022-05-13
TOPICS              Ethics and medical professionalism
                    Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
                    Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appearance before the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN): Administration and accessibility of Indigenous Peoples to the Non-Insured Benefits Program

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14474

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2022-05-03
TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health
            Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

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 Lakhitanep
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 4, 2022
(Exact copy not delivered)
Canadian Medical Association input in advance of the World Health Assembly Special Session

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14461

**POLICY TYPE**  Parliamentary submission

**DATE**  2021-11-17

**TOPICS**  Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14463

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-11-16

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism
The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change – Policy brief for Canada, October 2021
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14455

POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
DATE: 2021-10-20
TOPICS: Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Vaccine certificates

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

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Vaccine certificates

Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports a mandatory vaccination program for health care workers. This is in line with recommendations from health authorities and the World Health Organization (WHO), which calls for all health care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect patients, staff, and the community.

2. This recommendation is based on the following considerations:
   a. The importance of protecting vulnerable populations, including those who are immunocompromised or have underlying health conditions.
   b. The potential for vaccination to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within health care settings and the wider community.
   c. The ethical responsibility of health care providers to protect the health and safety of patients, staff, and visitors.

3. The CMA recognizes that vaccination is a matter of personal choice, and encourages dialogue and education on the benefits and risks of vaccination with patients, staff, and the public.

4. The CMA supports the development of comprehensive, evidence-based policies and guidelines for implementing a mandatory vaccination program in health care settings.

5. The CMA encourages health care providers to engage in ongoing professional education and training on the latest developments in vaccination and COVID-19 prevention.

6. The CMA recommends that health care institutions establish clear protocols for handling cases of non-compliance with the mandatory vaccination requirement.

7. The CMA encourages the development of alternative strategies for facilitating vaccination, such as site-based clinics and on-site administration centers.

8. The CMA supports the implementation of a comprehensive monitoring system for assessing the impact of the mandatory vaccination program on patient outcomes, staff well-being, and vaccine coverage.

9. The CMA recognizes the importance of addressing potential barriers to vaccination, including access to vaccines, misinformation, and cultural beliefs.

10. The CMA encourages collaboration with public health agencies, government officials, and other stakeholders to ensure the success of the mandatory vaccination program.

11. The CMA supports the ongoing evaluation and adaptation of the mandatory vaccination program to meet changing public health needs and emerging evidence.

12. The CMA calls for ongoing education and awareness campaigns to promote the importance of vaccination and to address any concerns or misconceptions.

13. The CMA recommends that health care institutions establish clear protocols for handling cases of non-compliance with the mandatory vaccination requirement.

14. The CMA encourages the development of alternative strategies for facilitating vaccination, such as site-based clinics and on-site administration centers.

15. The CMA supports the implementation of a comprehensive monitoring system for assessing the impact of the mandatory vaccination program on patient outcomes, staff well-being, and vaccine coverage.

16. The CMA recognizes the importance of addressing potential barriers to vaccination, including access to vaccines, misinformation, and cultural beliefs.

17. The CMA encourages collaboration with public health agencies, government officials, and other stakeholders to ensure the success of the mandatory vaccination program.

18. The CMA supports the ongoing evaluation and adaptation of the mandatory vaccination program to meet changing public health needs and emerging evidence.
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14449

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health human resources
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, except in situations where the patient, according to the加拿大医学会's Code of Ethics, has a professional or personal right to refuse and has a valid reason for refusal.
2. Health care workers should be encouraged to follow all other public health measures, including vaccination, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes providing information about the benefits and risks of vaccination, and supporting patients in making informed decisions about vaccination.
3. Health care workers should be educated about the importance of vaccination and its role in protecting themselves and their patients.
4. Health care organizations should be encouraged to implement policies and procedures to promote and facilitate vaccination among their employees.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Vaccine acceptance
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14450

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Global vaccine equity

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14451

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Ethics and medical professionalism
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Return to school during COVID-19

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14452

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position recommendation

1. The CMA supports the recommendations issued by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) on interchangeability of vaccines. Subjects to be considered include:
   a. Differences in the characteristics of different vaccines (e.g., batch-to-batch variability)
   b. The risk of adverse events associated with the use of a specific vaccine
   c. The frequency of administration

2. The CMA recommends that policymakers and public health authorities consider the following principles when deciding on the interchangeability of vaccines:
   a. Safety and efficacy
   b. Availability and accessibility
   c. Cost

3. The CMA encourages health care providers to:
   a. Educate patients and the public about the benefits and risks of vaccine interchangeability
   b. Provide clear and accessible information about vaccine interchangeability policies

Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2021-08-21

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

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

POLICY TYPE
Policy endorsement

DATE
2021-06-24

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

SPEAKERS THAT TRANSLATE POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use is a complex issue with significant implications for public health and social policy. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports decriminalization as a means to address the harms associated with the criminalization of drug use and possession for personal use. This position is based on a review of evidence from domestic and international research, as well as consultation with experts in the field.

EVIDENCE THAT TRANSLATES POLICY

There is significant evidence that criminalization of drug use and possession for personal use is ineffective in reducing drug use and associated harms. Criminalization often leads to increased rates of incarceration, treatment refusal, and harm to public health. Criminalization also diverts resources away from effective harm reduction and treatment programs.

CONCLUSION

The CMA recommends the decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use as a critical step towards addressing the harms associated with drug use and possession. This approach aligns with the principles of harm reduction and is consistent with best practices in public health and human rights.
The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy4441

POLICY TYPE         Parliamentary submission
DATE               2021-06-23
TOPICS             Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
Bill C-30: The Budget Implementation Act, 2021
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14437

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2021-05-20
TOPICS  Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

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

Dr. E. Ann Gallie
President of the Canadian Medical Association
May 21, 2021
(Checks against delivery)
Recommendations for equitable COVID-19 pandemic recovery in Canada

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14465

POLICY TYPE
Policy endorsement

DATE
2021-04-30

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health: Study on the Emergency Situation Facing Canadians in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14433

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-04-23

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health
Study on the Emergency Situation Facing Canadians in Light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. E. Ann O’Farrell
President of the Canadian Medical Association

April 23, 2021

Canadian Medical Association

[Image: Canadian Medical Association logo]