CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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Documents
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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Documents
Documents
New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
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São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health

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Vaccine certificates

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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

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Vaccine acceptance
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           Population health, health equity, public health

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Global vaccine equity

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

Global vaccine equity

Policy position recommendation

1. Canada cannot claim to be a global leader in vaccine entitlements. The lack of global vaccine distribution creates a bubble of immunity among health professionals and the wealthy elite in certain countries, while those in low-income countries remain at risk. Canada must work towards equitable distribution of vaccines to ensure that all countries receive the necessary vaccines to control outbreaks and protect healthcare workers, as well as to avoid the development of vaccine-resistant strains.

2. Canada should commit to funding global vaccine production and distribution. This includes contributing to the COVAX initiative and supporting vaccine equity in low-income countries.

3. Canada should advocate for the World Trade Organization to suspend intellectual property rights for vaccines to enable rapid production and distribution.

4. Canada should support international efforts to ensure that vaccines are accessible and affordable for all, including through the implementation of price controls and the use of global procurement mechanisms.

5. Canada should promote the use of open-source vaccine technologies to enhance accessibility.

6. Canada should ensure that vaccine distribution is based on need, not on economic status or political influence.

In conclusion, Canada should lead by example in advocating for global vaccine equity and taking active steps to ensure that vaccines are available to everyone, regardless of their country's economic status or political influence.
Return to school during COVID-19

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Policy document

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

Full policy recommendation:

1. The CMA urges all provinces and territories to ensure that vaccines are accessible to all school-age children, and that their delivery be coordinated and planned. Vaccines should be delivered in a safe, convenient, and timely manner. The CMA recommends that all school-age children be vaccinated against COVID-19, influenza, and other vaccine-preventable diseases. The CMA also recommends that all school-age children have access to regular health care, including immunizations, and that schools be equipped to deal with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

2. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate ventilation systems, that they be clean and well-ventilated, and that they be properly sanitized. The CMA also recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate hand hygiene facilities and that all staff and students be encouraged to wash their hands frequently.

3. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate medical facilities, including first aid stations, and that they be staffed with qualified medical personnel.

4. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate educational resources, including textbooks, and that they be available to all students.

5. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for mental health and psychological support, including trained professionals and counseling services.

6. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for physical education and sport, including sports equipment and facilities.

7. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for extracurricular activities, including clubs and societies.

8. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for community services, including transport services.

9. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for family support, including social services.

10. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for special education, including special education services.

11. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for international students, including language support services.

12. The CMA recommends that all schools be equipped with adequate resources for Indigenous students, including cultural support services.

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy document

2021-08-21

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

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Policy position recommendation:

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) believes that the interchangeability of vaccines should be considered in the context of available evidence and guideline recommendations. It is important to ensure that interchangeability is done safely and in a controlled manner to prevent potential adverse events.

2. The CMA supports the use of vaccines that are interchangeably available in the same jurisdiction to ensure that patients have access to the vaccines recommended by public health authorities.

3. In the context of vaccine shortages, the CMA recommends the use of vaccine interchangeability as a means to ensure that patients are vaccinated against COVID-19 as quickly as possible.

Informed by the Canadian Coordinating Office for Research Ethics (CCORE), the CMA has reviewed the ethical implications of vaccine interchangeability. The CMA supports the use of vaccines that are interchangeably available in the same jurisdiction to ensure that patients have access to the vaccines recommended by public health authorities.

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  Health care and patient safety

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

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

DOCUMENTS

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

INTRODUCTION

Drug policy is a vital element of an upstream approach to violence prevention, or supporting non-violent forms of violence prevention, through a suite of interventions designed to reduce the harms associated with drug use and possession. These include addressing the root causes of drug use, improving access to safe and effective treatment, and reducing the social and economic consequences of drug use.

STAGES OF TRANSFORMATION

Reforming drug laws is a complex process, requiring careful consideration and implementation. It is important to consult with experts and stakeholders to ensure that the proposed changes are evidence-based and will have the desired outcomes.

CONCLUSIONS

The future of care for Canada's older adults must be inclusive, equitable, and accessible. Policies and programs must be designed to meet the diverse needs of our aging population, while also promoting health and well-being for all Canadians.

ENDNOTES


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

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

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[Video and slide presentation]
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity

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Recommendations for equitable COVID-19 pandemic recovery in Canada

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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

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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 Golden
President of the Canadian Medical Association

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DRAFT - subject to editorial

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Call to Action: An Approach to Patient Transfers for Those Living in Rural and Remote Communities in Canada

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