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CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
May 11, 2022

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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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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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Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Health human resources
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Documents

Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

Policy position recommendation:
1. All health care workers should be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes all health care workers who do not have direct patient contact, but who work in settings where the health care system is located or where patient care is provided. This includes but is not limited to those who work in hospitals, long-term care facilities, ambulatory care settings, and other health care settings. All health care workers should be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19, regardless of their employment status, including those who are retired or on leave. This is a key public health measure to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect patients, health care workers, and the community.

2. Health care workers who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 should be provided with alternative work arrangements, such as remote work or work that is not directly involved in patient care. These arrangements should be made in consultation with the health care worker and the employer.

3. Health care workers who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 should be provided with the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those who have medical conditions that make them ineligible for vaccination. Health care workers who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 should be provided with the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of their employment status, including those who are retired or on leave. This is a key public health measure to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect patients, health care workers, and the community.

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Global vaccine equity

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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

INTRODUCTION

Tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs are recognized as addictive substances that exert a profound influence on individuals, families, and communities. Substance use disorders (SUDs) are chronic diseases that require comprehensive care to address the underlying biological, psychological, and social factors that contribute to their development and maintenance. Effective treatment and support are essential to help individuals recover and prevent relapse, thereby improving their quality of life and reducing the burden on healthcare systems.

The decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use is a policy measure aimed at addressing the social and public health implications of SUDs. By de-stigmatizing drug use and shifting the focus from punishment to prevention, this approach seeks to create a more just and equitable society.

EVIDENCE-THE INTEGRAL ROLE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Recent research highlights the significant contributions of social justice efforts, such as harm reduction initiatives, in improving health outcomes and reducing stigma associated with substance use. These programs focus on addressing the root causes of addiction and promoting community well-being, thereby empowering individuals to pursue recovery and achieve sustainable change.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use, recognizing its potential to enhance public health, reduce stigma, and improve access to care. This policy aligns with the principles of the Canadian Drug Policy Framework, which emphasizes the need for a comprehensive approach to addiction and mental health care.

IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of decriminalization policies requires collaboration among various stakeholders, including healthcare providers, law enforcement, and community organizations. Effective communication strategies are crucial in educating the public about the benefits of decriminalization and addressing concerns related to public safety and drug-related harms.

Conclusion

Decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use is a promising approach to addressing the complex issues surrounding substance use disorders. By prioritizing social justice and harm reduction, we can work towards creating a more equitable and supportive environment for individuals struggling with addiction. The CMA encourages policymakers to consider the evidence and support initiatives that promote health and well-being for all Canadians.
The Future of Care for Canada’s Older Adults
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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity

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