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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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São Paulo Declaration on Planetary Health

Policy endorsement

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Documents
Policy position recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports vaccination of health care workers as an essential component of a comprehensive approach to public health and safety. This recommendation is grounded in the principles of public health, professional ethics, and equity.

2. CMA advocates for the implementation of vaccination programs that are voluntary, based on informed consent, and respect individual autonomy. These programs should be designed to ensure accessibility and equity, taking into account the diverse needs of different communities.

3. CMA encourages the development of strategies to promote vaccination, including public awareness campaigns, education, and support for vaccination efforts in underserved populations.

4. CMA supports ongoing monitoring of the effectiveness and safety of vaccination programs, including surveillance of adverse effects and the assessment of vaccination coverage and equity.

5. CMA recommends the establishment of clear guidelines and protocols for the management of vaccine-preventable health care settings to minimize the risk of transmission and maintain patient safety.

6. CMA encourages the participation of health care workers in the development and implementation of vaccination policies to foster an environment of shared responsibility and trust.

7. CMA supports the development of frameworks to address the ethical and professional implications of vaccination policies, including considerations of confidentiality, informed consent, and the role of health care providers in vaccine advocacy.

8. CMA encourages collaboration between health care providers, public health authorities, and community organizations to ensure that vaccination policies are inclusive and responsive to the needs of diverse populations.

9. CMA advocates for the protection of individual rights and freedoms, including the right to refuse vaccination, while ensuring that public health needs are met.

10. CMA recommends that vaccination policies be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including health care providers, patients, and community groups, to ensure that these policies are effective, fair, and meet the needs of all communities.

11. CMA supports ongoing communication and education to address any concerns or misconceptions about vaccination, to promote informed decision-making, and to build public trust in vaccination programs.

12. CMA encourages the exploration of innovative strategies to enhance vaccination rates, such as the use of technology and digital health tools, to reach populations who may be hesitant or underrepresented in traditional vaccination programs.

13. CMA recommends that vaccination policies be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect new evidence and changing circumstances, ensuring that they remain effective and equitable.

14. CMA supports the development of collaborative partnerships between health care providers and public health authorities to facilitate the implementation of vaccination policies and to ensure that these policies are aligned with broader public health goals.

15. CMA encourages the consideration of vaccination policies in the context of broader health care systems, recognizing the interconnectedness of health care environments and the need for coordinated approaches to vaccination and public health.
Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of health care workers

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Population health, health equity, public health

Documents

Vaccine acceptance

Policy position recommendation

1. Health systems must maintain an intensive, active, and accessible vaccine promotion and communication strategy to maintain confidence in vaccines and vaccination programs. This strategy may include the use of social media, messaging, and other outreach tools to address common misconceptions and concerns.

2. Importantly, vaccine hesitancy will remain a challenge. Health professionals should work to foster a culture of trust and open dialogue with patients, ensuring that patients receive accurate and evidence-based information about vaccines.

3. The Limited has identified several strategies to increase vaccine acceptance. These strategies may include targeted outreach, community engagement, and partnerships with community leaders and organizations.

4. Importantly, vaccine hesitancy is not only a concern for individual patients but also for the broader public health community. It is critical that healthcare providers work collaboratively to develop and implement strategies that promote vaccine confidence and acceptance.
Global vaccine equity

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Return to school during COVID-19

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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

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Health care and patient safety
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Interchangeability of vaccines (vaccine mixing)

Policy position/Recommendation

1. The Canadian Medical Association recommends that, where the vaccine manufacturer has not issued a statement or advice, the health care provider should ideally use vaccines of the same manufacturer for all doses of the same vaccine.

2. The Canadian Medical Association advises that the vaccine administration schedule, dosage and treatment interval, should be followed as closely as possible in the event of vaccine interchangeability. Where there is a difference, the schedule should be followed as closely as possible and the closest dose should be used. In urgent cases, where there is a difference, the most similar dose should be used.

3. The Canadian Medical Association recommends that, where vaccine interchangeability is not possible, the dose or dose interval should be followed as closely as possible. Where there is a difference, the closest dose or interval should be used.

Interchangeability of vaccines

- Interchangeability of vaccines is considered to be the administration of different vaccines in the same patient without any change in the schedule or dosage, on the assumption that the two vaccines are comparable in terms of efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity.

- Interchangeability is often used in the context of vaccination programs, where different vaccines may be used to achieve the same level of protection.

- Interchangeability is also used in the context of vaccine development, where new vaccines are evaluated against existing vaccines to determine their relative efficacy and safety.

Note:

This information is based on current knowledge and may change as new information becomes available.

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INTRODUCTION

Cannabis is an ancient herb with a long history of use in various cultures and spiritual practices. While it has been used for medicinal purposes, its historical use has been largely confined to informal, non-medical contexts. However, with the growing recognition of its potential health benefits and the changing legal landscape around drug policies, there is a renewed interest in understanding its role in modern health systems.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the decriminalization of drug use and possession for personal use, as it aligns with principles of harm reduction and public health. This position is consistent with the CMA's mandate to advocate for policies that improve population health and reduce health disparities.

RATIONALE

1. **Evidence-Based Medicine**: The CMA acknowledges the need for evidence-based approaches to drug policy. Current drug policies often result in significant harms, including criminalization, which disproportionately affects marginalized communities. By decriminalizing drug use, we aim to shift focus from punishment to prevention and treatment.

2. **Health Promotion**: Decriminalization is aligned with the CMA's commitment to population health and equity. It recognizes the importance of harm reduction strategies in addressing drug use and its associated harms.

3. **Public Health Benefits**: Studies have shown that decriminalization can lead to reduced rates of drug-related harms, such as overdose deaths, by improving access to treatment and harm reduction services.

4. **Legal and Constitutional Considerations**: The CMA supports the adherence to legal and constitutional frameworks while advocating for policy reforms that align with international human rights standards.

CONCLUSION

Decriminalization is a critical step towards creating a safer, more equitable system for managing drug use. It requires a comprehensive approach that includes harm reduction strategies, ensuring access to quality healthcare, and addressing the social determinants of health. The CMA encourages policymakers to consider these recommendations as they work towards implementing evidence-based drug policies.
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Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity

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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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