Physician Shielding During A Pandemic

Canadian Medical Forum supports the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in Canada. Health care workers, including physicians, nurses, and other health professionals, are essential to the public health response to the pandemic. They are at risk of acquiring and spreading the virus and may be required to provide care in settings where the risk of exposure is high. Therefore, it is important to provide adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and other measures to protect these workers.

We have a new section on this site dedicated to COVID-19. There are many resources available on this topic, including: a list of high-risk occupations, a list of healthcare facilities, and a list of health care workers who have been infected with COVID-19.

All these resources should be downloaded on the website, or accessed from the following links: https://cma.ca/covid-19 and https://cma.ca/covid-19-resources. The Canadian Medical Association recommends that healthcare facilities follow the guidelines provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada and the World Health Organization.
Canadian Medical Forum supports the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in Canada

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Closing the Gaps:
Advancing Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Older Adults

20 Evidence-Informed Expert Recommendations to Improve Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery for Older Adults Across Canada

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National Standards for Long-Term Care: The art of the possible?

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To: [Name and title of recipient]

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing health and safety concerns raised by the unprecedented outbreak, we are providing the following recommendations to the Federal government, in response to the current crisis. These recommendations are based on principles of public health and the need to ensure the safety and well-being of all Canadians.

In conclusion, we recommend that the government of Canada:

1. Implement strict social distancing measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
2. Provide financial support to vulnerable populations, including seniors and those with underlying health conditions.
3. Increase funding for public health initiatives, including testing and contact tracing.
4. Ensure access to personal protective equipment for healthcare workers.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to public health and the safety of all Canadians.

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

CMA POLICY

The current focus of the health care system in Canada is on the provision of health care services. This focus has led to an emphasis on the delivery of high-quality health care to individuals in a timely manner, often at the expense of addressing the social determinants of health, such as transportation. However, the role of active transportation in promoting health and preventing disease has been recognized.

Active transportation, such as walking, cycling, and using public transportation, can significantly improve population health and reduce health disparities. It is essential to integrate active transportation into public health policies and programs to address the social determinants of health.

Recommendations:

1. Develop policies and programs that promote active transportation, such as building pedestrian and bicycle routes, improving public transportation options, and providing incentives for active transportation.
2. Educate the public about the benefits of active transportation and its role in improving population health.
3. Conduct research to better understand the impact of active transportation on health outcomes.

This policy is further strengthened by the following recommendations:

- Incorporate active transportation into public health education and awareness campaigns.
- Advocate for policies that support active transportation in urban planning and development.
- Collaborate with other stakeholders, such as transportation agencies, community groups, and government bodies, to implement active transportation initiatives.

Additional Reading:

- World Health Organization. (2014). Guidelines for Planning and Building Bike Routes. Available at: https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/134583/9789241564787-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

This policy is approved by the Canadian Medical Association and is reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.
Health equity and the social determinants of health: A role for the medical profession

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Restricting marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children and youth in Canada: A Canadian health care and scientific organization policy consensus statement

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Position statement on bodychecking in youth ice hockey

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POSITION STATEMENT ON BODYCHECKING IN YOUTH ICE HOCKEY

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is concerned about the physical and psychological impact of bodychecking on youth in ice hockey. Bodychecking, defined as physical contact with a player’s head, neck, or shoulder by another player, can result in a range of injuries from mild to severe, including concussions, neck injuries, and even spinal cord injuries. The practice of bodychecking has been linked to a decrease in player safety, as well as an increase in the risk of head injuries.

The CMA recommends the following measures to reduce the incidence and severity of bodychecking in youth ice hockey:

1. Education and training for coaches and officials: Regular training sessions for coaches and officials should be provided to educate them on the risks associated with bodychecking and best practices for minimizing these risks. This includes reinforcing the importance of proper body position, techniques to prevent bodychecking, and how to act as role models in promoting safe and fair play.

2. Rule changes: The rules of the game should be reviewed and modified as necessary to make it easier to enforce the prohibition of bodychecking. This may include implementing stricter penalties for players who engage in bodychecking.

3. Medical supervision: Proper medical supervision and assessment of players who have been involved in bodychecking incidents are crucial in identifying potential injuries and ensuring timely medical care. Programs should be implemented to facilitate the rapid evaluation of injured players.

4. Parent and community involvement: Parental support and involvement in promoting safe play should be encouraged. This includes educating parents about the risks of bodychecking and the importance of fostering a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all children.

The CMA encourages all stakeholders involved in the development and implementation of youth ice hockey to consider these recommendations and work together to create a safer environment for all players.

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Early childhood development

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Proposed UN Convention on the rights of older persons

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2020 pre-budget submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
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Climate governance in Quebec: For a better integration of the impact of climate change on health and the health care system

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Documents
Health Canada consultation on proposed vaping products promotion regulations
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Documents
Senior care and prevention – For a healthier Quebec: Pre-budget submission for the 2020–2021 Quebec government budget
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14212

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