Answering the Wake-up Call: CMA’s Public Health Action Plan

Submission to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health
June 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public health emergency in Canada is a call to action by our community, to our elected representatives, and to the federal government. It is a call for the implementation of a comprehensive public health strategy that addresses the root causes of disease, promotes the health of our population, and protects the health of our communities.

This Public Health Action Plan is a response to the wake-up call of the SARS outbreak. It is a blueprint for action that addresses the following key areas:

1. Public Health Capacity and Partnership
   - Strengthening public health capacity at all levels of government
   - Building partnerships between public health and other sectors

2. Health Systems and Health Equity
   - Ensuring access to health care for all Canadians
   - Addressing health inequities and social determinants of health

3. Health Care and Patient Safety
   - Improving the quality and safety of health care
   - Promoting patient-centered care

4. Population Health
   - Developing a national population health strategy
   - Prioritizing public health interventions

This Public Health Action Plan is a call to action for all levels of government, for all sectors that impact health, and for all Canadians to work together to improve the health of our population and protect the health of our communities.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association

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Health systems, system funding and performance
Health care and patient safety
Population health, health equity, public health

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CMAPolicybase - Canadian Medical Association
Putting Patients First: Comments on Bill C 6 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act): Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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Health care and patient safety
Health information and e-health

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“Putting Patients First”
Comments on Bill C 6
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act)

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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Executive Summary

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) continues to place the patient’s interests first by emphasizing the importance of protecting health information. CMA supports the principles of Bill C-6, which aims to protect sensitive health information. However, there are concerns about the potential implications of the proposed legislation. The CMA has identified several areas where improvements are needed to ensure that the Bill strikes an appropriate balance between protecting personal information and maintaining patient safety and confidentiality.

Some key issues highlighted in the CMA's submission include:

1. **Confidentiality and Security:** The Bill should include stronger provisions to ensure the confidentiality and security of health information. This includes provisions to protect health information from unauthorized disclosure, theft, or misuse.

2. **Access Requests:** The Bill should provide clear guidance on how access requests should be processed, ensuring that proper safeguards are in place to protect the confidentiality of the information.

3. **Data Quality:** The Bill should include guidelines to ensure that the collected data is accurate, up-to-date, and relevant to the purpose for which it is intended.

4. **Impact on Patient Safety:** The CMA is concerned about the potential impact of the Bill on patient safety measures, particularly in the context of medical research and public health initiatives.

5. **Impact on Health Information Practices:** The Bill should address the potential impact on current health information practices, ensuring that there is a seamless transition to the new standards.

In conclusion, the CMA believes that Bill C-6 has the potential to significantly improve the protection of personal health information. However, it is crucial that the final legislation addresses the concerns outlined in the submission to ensure that it achieves its intended goals while preserving the important balance between patient confidentiality and public health needs.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
“Listening to our Patient’s Concerns”

Comments on Bill C-54
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Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

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POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2010-10-22
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents
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https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10230

**POLICY TYPE**  Parliamentary submission

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**TOPICS**  Health care and patient safety
Health systems, system funding and performance

**Documents**
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill S-209, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (prize fights)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10708

POLICY TYPE
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2013-04-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Health and health care for an aging population

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11061

POLICY TYPE  Policy document
LAST REVIEWED  2018-03-03
DATE  2013-12-07
REPLACES  PD00-03 - Principles for medical care of older persons
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
         Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents

![Image of Health and Health Care for an Aging Population]

Policy Summary of
The Canadian Medical Association
December 2013
Canadian Medical Association submission to the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce: Higher rate now: Why excise tax on tobacco is long overdue for an increase

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11129

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

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2014-05-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission to Health Canada’s Notice of proposed order to amend the schedule to the Tobacco Act
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11434

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2014-11-10
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
         Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission to the House of Commons Study on E-Cigarettes
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               Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Appropriateness in health care
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POLICY TYPE Policy document
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DATE 2014-12-06
TOPICS Health care and patient safety

Documents
Complementary and alternative medicine (update 2015)
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POLICY TYPE
Policy document

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2015-05-30

REPLACES
Complementary and alternative medicine (Update 2008)

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Regulatory framework for the mandatory reporting of adverse drug reactions and medical device incidents by provincial and territorial healthcare institutions.

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11814

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2016-01-20
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Joint Statement on
Access to Mental Health Care
from
the
Canadian Medical Association
and
Canadian Psychiatric Association
Statement to the Canadian panel on violence against women Ottawa - September, 1992
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11956

POLICY TYPE               Parliamentary submission
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2017-04-07

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Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
Front-of-package labelling consultation  
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13800

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation  
DATE  2016-10-31  
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents
Regulation of Self-Care Products in Canada

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13802

POLICY TYPE: Response to consultation
DATE: 2016-10-31
TOPICS: Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Health care and patient safety

Documents
Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13804

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Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

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