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

CMA submission to the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health

June 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public health response to SARS in Canada was characterized by community action, systematic planning, early recognition, timely communication, containment of the disease, and rapid adaptation of the health care system to the new threat.

Health care systems must be prepared to deal with emergency situations such as SARS. The CMA recommends a national program of infectious disease surveillance, including the development of a National Health Surveillance System.

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Putting Patients First: Comments on Bill C 6 (Personal Information Protection

CMA Policybase - 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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TOPICS: Ethics and medical professionalism
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

June 22, 1999

Office of the President
Ottawa, Canada

Executive Summary

The Canadian Medical Association recommends the following for improving the privacy, confidentiality, and security of personal health information:

1. A balanced approach to privacy protection and public health information disclosure is needed.
2. Clear and comprehensive guidelines and regulations are essential for the protection of personal information.
3. Adequate penalties for non-compliance with privacy laws should be enforced.

Recommendations:

1. Strengthen the provisions for the protection of personal health information.
2. Enhance the enforcement mechanisms for non-compliance.
3. Educate the public and professionals about their rights and responsibilities.

Conclusion:

By implementing these recommendations, we can ensure that personal health information is protected while still allowing for necessary disclosures for public health purposes.
“Listening to our Patient’s Concerns”

Comments on Bill C-54
(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act)

Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

March 18, 1999

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Further identification

Canadian Medical Association

For the years I have been a practising physician in Canada, the ethical and legal responsibilities of health care providers have been very much a part of my daily practice. As a doctor, I am charged with the duty of protecting the confidentiality and privacy of my patients’ health information. Properly managed, personal health information can be an asset, but it must be handled with the utmost respect and care to ensure the protection of the patient’s rights and privacy.

The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (Bill C-54) is a critical piece of legislation that will help to protect the privacy of Canadians. It is important that this act be implemented in a way that respects the principles of open government and transparency, while ensuring that the rights of individuals are protected.

I am pleased to see that the bill includes provisions for the creation of a Privacy Commissioner who will have the mandate to investigate and enforce the provisions of the act. This will be a valuable resource for ensuring compliance and accountability.

I support the inclusion of provisions that allow for exceptions to the general rule of confidentiality, such as in cases where there is a risk of harm to the individual or the public. However, these exceptions must be carefully defined to ensure that they are used appropriately.

In conclusion, I believe that Bill C-54 is a necessary step in ensuring that the privacy of Canadians is protected. I encourage the committee to consider the concerns and suggestions presented in this submission and to work towards implementing a legislation that is both effective and balanced.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views on this important issue.
Study on Canada’s pandemic preparedness: CMA’s Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10010

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TOPICS: Health care and patient safety

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https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10708

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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Documents
Health and health care for an aging population
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REPLACES PD00-03 - Principles for medical care of older persons
TOPICS Health care and patient safety
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Documents
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

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Tamper Resistance under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
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Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

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

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Complementary and alternative medicine (update 2015)

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

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Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
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