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

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

June 25, 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The public health emergency that has emerged in the community, nation and the world is the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). This epidemic highlights the need for a public health system that is prepared and able to respond effectively to threats to public health. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been aware of the need to address public health for many years. However, it is only recently that governments have recognized the importance of public health in the context of a changing world order. The SARS epidemic has brought to the forefront the need for a more robust and effective public health system in Canada.

The CMA submission was prepared for the National Advisory Committee to provide a comprehensive and detailed plan for the development of a public health system in Canada. The submission includes recommendations for the establishment of a national public health strategy, the development of a national public health infrastructure, and the implementation of a national public health program.

The CMA submission is a call to action for all levels of government, health care providers, and the general public. It is a clear and concise statement of the need for a strong public health system in Canada. The submission is supported by evidence and is based on the expertise of health care professionals and public health experts.

The CMA believes that a strong public health system is essential for the health and well-being of Canadians. It is time for all levels of government to take action and ensure that a strong public health system is in place in Canada.
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14079

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

Documents
Appropriateness in health care
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Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill S-209, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (prize fights)
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POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents
Canadian Medical Association Submission to Health Canada’s Notice of proposed order to amend the schedule to the Tobacco Act
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POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2014-11-10
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Population health, health equity, public health

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

Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
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POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS  Physician practice, compensation, forms
         Health information and e-health
         Health care and patient safety
         Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA’s Recommendations for Bill S-5: An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

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Documents

CMA Submission:
CMA’s recommendations for Bill S-5: An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

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

April 7, 2017
CMA’s Recommendations for Bill S-5 An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

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2018-02-15

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Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
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CMA Submission: CMA’s Recommendations for Bill S-5: An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-smokers’ Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health

February 15, 2018
CMA Statement on Racism
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14245

POLICY TYPE  Policy document
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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism
Health care and patient safety

Documents
CMA Submission to the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities’ study of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code

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2021-12-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
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Documents
Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
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Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

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Policy document

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Head injury and sport (2011)

Health care and patient safety

Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Consultation on proposed front-of-package labelling
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Response to consultation

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2018-04-23

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

Documents

From: [Name]
To: [Recipient]
Date: April 23, 2018

Dear [Recipient],

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been informed that the federal government is considering proposals for changes to the Food and Drug Act that could impact the labelling of drugs in Canada. The CMA is concerned that any changes to the labelling of drugs may have unintended consequences, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children and older adults.

The CMA believes that any changes to the labelling of drugs should be evidence-based and take into account the potential impact on public health. The CMA recommends that any changes to the labelling of drugs should be accompanied by clear and accessible information for patients and healthcare providers.

The CMA urges the federal government to consult with stakeholders, including healthcare providers and patients, before making any changes to the labelling of drugs.

Sincerely,

[Name]
Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13804

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Response to consultation

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2017-04-05

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

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April 5, 2017

EVALUATION OF THE FEDERAL TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY

Dear Fred dolls,

We are pleased to respond to your request for evaluation on the success of the Tobacco Control Strategy (TCS), and on the renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy. We are pleased to report on the results of our consultations.

The latest Canadian成年Health Survey (CCHS) in 2013 indicates that 19% of the population aged 15 to 19 years were daily or occasional smokers. The prevalence of smoking among youth has continued to decline in recent years in the federal jurisdiction.

We support the Government's goal of less than 5% of smokers by 2015. It must be noted that this is a significant effort, but it is important to highlight that the reduction in smoking rates has been achieved in a context where tobacco use has remained relatively stable in other countries. The CCHS also indicates that smoking cessation services have been increased in recent years, and that the use of these services has increased.

As the former Canadian Healthy Tobacco Survey suggests, access to smoking cessation services has improved in the past decade. This is reflected in the increased use of these services, particularly among youth. The number of smoking cessation attempts has increased, and the success rates of these attempts have also increased.

The CMA believes that continued investment in smoking cessation, tobacco control, and tobacco-free environments is critical to the health and well-being of Canadians. We support the role of the federal government in promoting tobacco control and in providing resources to support the implementation of the Tobacco Control Strategy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Position]

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14132

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