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 system in Canada is the crown jewel of our community values. It is the fundamental public good that is essential to the health, wellbeing and human rights of all Canadians. A comprehensive public health system, one that is strengthened and enhanced, is the moral and ethical imperative that is required to keep Canadians healthy and safe.

CMA recommends that the government:

- ensure that all levels of government support public health and that public health is integrated with health care delivery;
- promote the development of a national public health strategy and implementation plan;
- develop a risk management strategy to reduce the risk of SARS in Canada;
- invest in public health infrastructure and capacity;
- support the development of a national surveillance system for SARS and other emerging infectious diseases;
- strengthen the role of public health agencies in the community and enhance their authority to control communicable diseases.

The CMA recognizes that the federal government has a role in public health and that it must lead and support the development of a comprehensive public health system. The government must also ensure that public health is integrated with health care delivery and that all levels of government support public health.

CMA believes that a comprehensive public health system is essential to the health and wellbeing of all Canadians. It must be strengthened and enhanced to ensure that it is able to respond to the challenges of the 21st century.

Documents

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14079

POLICY TYPE
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2019-03-02

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

Documents
Appropriateness in health care

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POLICY TYPE  Policy document
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TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents
The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14439

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

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/policy1434

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

Documents

Reminder of the need to adjust tobacco taxation
Canadian Medical Association Position on Tobacco Taxation
November 18, 2014
Canadian Medical Association Submission to the House of Commons Study on E-Cigarettes
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11437

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

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2014-11-27

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

Documents

E-Cigarettes

Canadian Medical Association Submission to the House of Commons Study on E-Cigarettes

November 27, 2014
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
DATE  2014-05-15
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
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POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2020-08-07

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13641

POLICY TYPE
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2017-04-07

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

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
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13918

POLICY TYPE
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2018-02-15

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

Documents
CMA Statement on Racism
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14245

Policy document

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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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14464

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2021-12-15

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights: Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14374

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2020-11-05
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety

Documents

Committee Appearance – Justice and Human Rights:
Bill C-7 – Amending the Criminal Code Regarding Medical Assistance in Dying
November 5, 2020
Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14023

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2019-03-02

REPLACES
Head injury and sport (2011)

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

Documents
Consultation on proposed front-of-package labelling
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13882

POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

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2018-04-23

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

Documents
Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
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POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

DATE
2017-04-05

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

Documents

April 5, 2017

EVALUATION OF THE FEDERAL TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY
Richard Haddy
Chair, Tobacco Science, Evaluation and Legislation Committee

Dear Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy,

On behalf of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), I am writing to express our support for the renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy (FTCS), as outlined in the consultation paper, “Consultation on the renewal of the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy.” We support the FTCS as a framework to achieve the goal of reducing smoking and prevent tobacco-related disease and premature death in Canada.

We also support the goal to further reduce the number of Canadians who use tobacco products. We recognize the challenge of reducing tobacco use among Canadians, especially among vulnerable populations such as young people, Indigenous populations, and individuals with mental health and addictions issues. Tobacco use is a significant public health issue that disproportionately affects certain populations, including low-income individuals, Indigenous communities, and rural areas.

We believe that the FTCS should focus on prevention and education, including initiatives to raise awareness about the risks of tobacco use and to provide resources and support for harm reduction programs. We also support efforts to reduce the availability of tobacco products, especially to young people, and to promote cessation programs that are culturally relevant and accessible.

We look forward to working with the government to implement the FTCS and to see its continued success in reducing tobacco use and improving public health in Canada.

Sincerely,

Richard Haddy
Chair, Tobacco Science, Evaluation and Legislation Committee

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

POLICY TYPE
Parliamentary submission

DATE
2020-03-16

TOPICS
Health care and patient safety

Documents

CMA recommendations for EMERGENCY FEDERAL MEASURES TO CARE FOR AND PROTECT CANADIANS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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March 16, 2020