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 sector is a cornerstone of our community; it is the
substitute nurse, the pharmacist, the civilian defence volunteer, the
security guard, the social worker, the teacher, the postal worker, the
yellow pages editor, the local video store manager, the newspaper
reporter, the public health officer and the municipal politician. In
conjunction with these key players, the CMA encourages the development
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Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
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The Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Competency Framework
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Health care and patient safety
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Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill S-209, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (prize fights)
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10708

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

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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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Clinical guideline for homeless and vulnerably housed people, and people with lived homelessness experience
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Health care and patient safety
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CMA Pre-budget Submission
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TOPICS
Physician practice, compensation, forms
Health information and e-health
Health care and patient safety
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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 Statement on Racism

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

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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
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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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REPLACES
Head injury and sport (2011)

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

Background to Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings

1) How Should the Background to Policy be Shaped?

The background for a recent document in the policy on Concussion in Sport, Leisure, and Occupational Settings is included here. It offers insights into the context and rationale behind the policy, which may be useful for understanding and implementing its recommendations.

2) The Main Points

- All public health systems, including health care and sport organizations, should commit to the principles of the 2018 International Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport.
- Action-based interventions must be provided to improve awareness, understanding, management, and treatment of concussion across different settings.
- The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) encourages health providers and organizations involved in the prevention, diagnosis, and management of concussion to embrace the 2018 International Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport.
Consultation on proposed front-of-package labelling
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13882

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Response to consultation

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Health care and patient safety
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Consultation on the renewal of Federal Tobacco Control Strategy
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Documents
Emergency federal measures to care for and protect Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Documents

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

Submitted to the Minister of Finance
March 16, 2020

1. CMA recommends the federal government establish a national coordination centre to guide a public health approach across all verticals of the health system. The centre should be headquartered in Ottawa and should be staffed by Canadian health-care leaders and experts in public health.

2. CMA recommends the federal government help ensure adequate supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) for all health-care workers. This includes N95 masks, gowns, face shields, gloves, and other supplies necessary to protect health-care workers and adequately prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

3. CMA recommends the federal government make public health recommendations for food delivery and takeout services as well as other services that provide essential items and services to Canadians. This includes measures to ensure that these services are delivered safely to those who need them.

4. CMA recommends the federal government establish a national call centre for Canadians to access information about COVID-19 and to help them navigate the health-care system. The call centre should be staffed by trained health-care professionals who can provide information and support to Canadians.

5. CMA recommends the federal government provide financial support to health-care providers, including private practices, to ensure they can continue to provide care to Canadians during the pandemic.

6. CMA recommends the federal government provide financial support to community health centres and other community-based organizations to ensure they can continue to provide care to Canadians during the pandemic.

7. CMA recommends the federal government provide financial support to hospitals and other health-care facilities to ensure they can continue to provide care to Canadians during the pandemic.

8. CMA recommends the federal government provide financial support to home-care services to ensure they can continue to provide care to Canadians during the pandemic.