Amendments to PIPEDA, Bill S-4
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Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing
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Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
CMA Pre-budget Submission
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             Health information and e-health
             Health care and patient safety
             Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14485

WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to outline the development of a patient-partnered health information governance framework that considers the unique challenges and opportunities presented by digital health, while aligning with the principles of patient-partnered health information governance. The framework is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to ensuring that health information is managed in a way that respects patient privacy, promotes transparency, and fosters trust. It aims to establish a foundation for the development of robust, patient-centered health information management systems that are capable of supporting the delivery of high-quality care.

1. Privacy: The statement emphasizes the importance of privacy in the context of health information management. It highlights the need for strong measures to protect patient data, ensuring that information is shared only with the explicit consent of the patient.
2. Transparency: The framework encourages transparency in the management of health information. This includes providing clear and understandable information to patients about how their data is used and accessed.
3. Trust: A key component of the framework is the establishment of trust between healthcare providers and patients. This is achieved through open communication, clear policies, and the assurance of secure data handling.
4. Patient Involvement: The statement underscores the importance of patient involvement in the governance of health information. It advocates for the active participation of patients in decisions regarding their health data.

The framework represents a significant advancement in the field of health information governance, aiming to establish a patient-centered approach that balances the needs of healthcare providers with the rights and interests of patients.

For more information, visit: https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14485
Digital Health Care and Competition – a perspective from The Canadian Medical Association
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14444

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Health information and e-health

Documents
Enhancing equitable access to virtual care in Canada: Principle-based recommendations for equity
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Health information and e-health

Documents
Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in Ambulatory Clinical Practice

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Guiding Principles for Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Adoption in Ambulatory Clinical Practice

- The adoption of EMR systems in ambulatory clinical practice should be guided by principles that ensure patient safety, confidentiality, and the quality of care.
- Physicians should be provided with training and support to effectively use EMR systems.
- EMR systems should be designed to be user-friendly, with a focus on ease of use and productivity.
- Privacy and confidentiality of patient information should be maintained at all times.
- Data security measures should be in place to protect patient information.
- EMR systems should be interoperable, allowing for seamless communication with other health care providers.
- Patient consent should be obtained for the use of EMR systems.
- The costs of EMR systems should be reasonable and transparent.
- The implementation of EMR systems should be supported by a clear plan and timeline.

For more information, please refer to the document linked at the top of this page.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11521

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Health information and e-health
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Guiding principles for the optimal use of data analytics by physicians at the point of care

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TOPICS  Health information and e-health

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

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy1980

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Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism
Principles concerning physician information

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TOPICS
  Health information and e-health
  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Principles for the protection of patient privacy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13833

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REPLACES
PD11-03 Principles for the Protection of Patients’ Personal Health Information

TOPICS
Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
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 information and e-health

Executive Summary

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recommends that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Health for further consideration and report to the Senate. The CMA supports the protection of personal information and the need for legislation to ensure privacy in the digital age. The bill, however, requires further review to ensure that the rights of individuals are safeguarded and that the use of personal information is justifiable and necessary.

CMA’s recommendation is based on the following considerations:

- The bill should include provisions to ensure that personal information is used only for purposes that are directly related to its collection.
- The bill should provide for robust mechanisms to prevent the unauthorized use of personal information.
- The bill should ensure that individuals have the right to access and correct their personal information.
- The bill should include provisions to ensure the confidentiality and security of personal information.

The CMA encourages the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology to hold public hearings to gather input from various stakeholders and to ensure that the bill reflects the views and concerns of all Canadians.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Report of the Virtual Care Task Force
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14440

POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
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TOPICS: Health information and e-health

Documents
Virtual Care in Canada: progress and potential. Report of the Virtual Care Task Force
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14470

POLICY TYPE: Policy endorsement
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TOPICS: Health information and e-health

Documents
Vision for e-Prescribing: a joint statement by the Canadian Medical Association and the Canadian Pharmacists Association

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10670

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