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Ensuring equitable access to health care: Strategies for governments, health system planners, and the medical profession

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CMA POLICY

CMA POSITION STATEMENT
ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CARE: STRATEGIES FOR GOVERNMENTS, HEALTH SYSTEM PLANNERS, AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Summary
Ensuring equitable access to effective and responsive health care services is a strategic priority for all levels of government. Health care services vary in availability and accessibility across and within regions of Canada.

Equitable access to health care is essential to the economic, social, and health systems. Without equitable access, health care systems may fail to meet the health needs of communities.

There is compelling evidence indicating that access to care is not equitable in Canada. There are disparities in health care access, delivery, and quality based on income, education, and geographic location.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) recognizes the importance of equitable access to health care and promotes policies and strategies to address these disparities.

Equitable access to health care is defined as:
- Accessible: health care is available to individuals and communities when and where they need it.
- Affordability: individuals and communities have the financial means to access the health care they need.
- Responsiveness: health care is provided in a manner that is respectful, culturally appropriate, and responsive to the needs of individuals and communities.

Equitable access to health care is a fundamental human right and is essential for achieving health equity.

Recommendations
- Governments should implement policies and strategies to address health inequities and ensure equitable access to health care services.
- Health system planners should prioritize equitable access to health care services, considering factors such as income, education, and geographical location.
- Health care providers should be trained and supported to address health inequities and provide culturally appropriate care.

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PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IN CANADA

PREAMBLE

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, through its disciplines, acts on behalf of the healthcare professional and public interests to advance health care in Canada. The College’s vision is to provide health care that is accessible, affordable, and of the highest quality throughout Canada. This vision is achieved through the promotion of excellence in medical education, research, and practice.

PRINCIPLES

1. Access to care must be equitable, affordable, and consistent with the needs of the population. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that all Canadians have access to care when and where they need it.

2. Quality care must be safe, effective, and timely. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that all Canadians receive care that is safe, effective, and delivered in a timely manner.

3. Cost containment must be achieved through the efficient use of resources. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that resources are used in the most efficient manner possible.

4. Patient and consumer engagement must be fostered. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that patients and consumers are involved in their care and are provided with the information they need to make informed decisions.

5. Interprofessional collaboration must be promoted. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that all healthcare professionals work together to provide care.

6. Research and innovation must be supported. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that research and innovation are supported and that new knowledge is transferred to the delivery of care.

7. Efficiency and effectiveness must be measured. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that performance is measured and that improvements are made.

8. Collaboration among all levels of government is essential. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that collaboration among all levels of government is fostered.

9. The healthcare system must be sustainable. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that it is sustainable in the long term.

10. The healthcare system must be accountable. The healthcare system must be designed to ensure that it is accountable.

The College is committed to working with all stakeholders to implement these principles and to ensuring that the healthcare system in Canada is sustainable, accessible, affordable, and of the highest quality.
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Principles for Health System Governance

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has developed a set of principles for health system governance to guide decision-making and ensure that health systems are responsive, accountable, and effective in meeting the needs of all Canadians.

1. Health systems should be based on the principles of equity, accessibility, and quality of care.
2. Governance structures should be transparent, inclusive, and accountable.
3. Decisions about health care should be evidence-based and informed by public input.
4. Resources should be allocated fairly and efficiently.
5. Health systems should be sustainable and able to adapt to changing needs.

These principles are intended to guide the development and operation of health systems in Canada, ensuring that they are effective, efficient, and equitable for all Canadians.
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