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PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IN CANADA

PREAMBLE
The Canadian Medical Association (CMA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), the Canadian College of Family Physicians (CCFP), the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) and the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) are collaborating to develop a joint position on the health care needs of Canadians. This position will guide discussions on health care transformation, including the development of national standards and measures for the health care system.

In particular, this position statement addresses the following objectives:

1. To establish a national framework for health care system transformation.
2. To provide guidance on the development of national standards and measures for the health care system.
3. To promote the integration of health care professionals and stakeholders in the transformation process.

PRINCIPLES

1. Patient-centred care: Care that is patient-centred, with a focus on the needs and preferences of the patient.
3. Safety of care: Safety of care, with a focus on preventing harm and improving patient outcomes.
4. Continuity of care: Continuity of care, with patients being able to access care from multiple sources.
5. Quality of care: Quality of care, with a focus on improving patient outcomes and reducing variation in care.
7. Integration of health care services: Integration of health care services, with a focus on improving access to care and reducing fragmentation.
8. Health system governance: Health system governance, with a focus on ensuring that the health care system is accountable and responsive to the needs of patients.

This position statement is intended to guide discussions on health care transformation and to provide a framework for the development of national standards and measures for the health care system. It is intended to be a living document, with the aims of the principles to be reviewed and updated regularly.