CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism

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Code of ethics of the Canadian Medical Association (Update 2004)

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Population health, health equity, public health

A. VIRTUES EMPIROIZED BY THE ETHICAL PHYSICIAN

Trust in the profession's ethical integrity, professional and social responsibilities. You owe a common ethical obligation to the public in your profession and all of mankind. Your actions as a CMA member and servant of mankind are expected to reflect the highest ethical standards. The ethical principles of the Code are designed to help physicians make decisions in situations where the physician's actions may be seen as influencing the health, safety, or welfare of others. The principles are intended to guide physicians in making decisions in situations where there may be conflicts of interest.

Consistency
A consistent ethical practice and professional conduct is expected from all members of the profession. The physician is expected to exhibit integrity, honesty, and fairness in all of their interactions with patients, colleagues, and the public. The physician is expected to maintain confidentiality in all aspects of their practice.

Honesty
The physician is expected to provide patients with accurate and complete information about their health, including their diagnosis, treatment options, and potential risks.

Prudence
The physician is expected to exercise reasonable care in the provision of medical care and to make reasonable decisions in the treatment of patients.

Confidentiality
The physician is expected to maintain the confidentiality of patient information, including medical records, unless otherwise required by law or authorized by the patient.

Harmlessness
The physician is expected to provide care that is safe and free from harm to the patient. The physician is expected to avoid causing harm to their patients through their actions or inactions.

Due Diligence
The physician is expected to act with due diligence in the performance of their duties, including the provision of care and the maintenance of their practice.
Management of physician fatigue

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Documents
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce
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         Health human resources
         Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health:
Study on Canada’s Health Workforce

Dr. Erika Zava, CMA
President of the Canadian Medical Association
February 15, 2022
Closed meeting, members present
Physician Shielding During A Pandemic
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14386

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Documents
Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19
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Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers

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