CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism

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<td>The CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism articulates the ethical and professional standards that govern the practice of medicine in Canada. It is based on the principles of the Hippocratic Oath and the Declaration of Helsinki. The Code is intended to provide guidance for physicians and their patients in their relationship with each other and with society. The Code is designed to be flexible enough to adapt to changing circumstances. It is not intended to replace professional judgment or to be used as a legal document. Physicians should always make decisions in the best interest of their patients. The Code is intended to be used as a guide to ethical practice.</td>
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<td>Life is the foundation of all other virtues. It is the fulfillment of the physician's ethical obligations and the basic principle of health care. The physician should be a model of virtue in all his dealings. He should be honest, fair, just, compassionate, and humane. He should be able to see the patient as an individual and as a member of society. He should be able to understand the patient's perspective and to be responsive to the patient's needs.</td>
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Ensuring equitable access to health care: Strategies for governments, health system planners, and the medical profession

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Documents
Improving efficiency in the Canadian health care system

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Documents
Joint position statement: Principles to guide health care transformation in Canada
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**PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IN CANADA**

**PREVIEW**

For the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), innovation is fundamental to achieving a more efficient, accessible, fair and sustainable health care system in Canada.

Canada’s health care system is a social insurance program in the model of Germany. This model is characterized by a common fund, in which all Canadians contribute through payroll taxes, and a common pool through which services are paid for by individuals and groups through insurance co-operatives and mutuals. The system is delivered mainly by physicians and hospitals, with additional contributions from pharmacists, home care providers and other health professionals. It is a complex system that relies on the cooperation of all its stakeholders to ensure that Canadians receive the highest quality of care, while maximizing the use of health care resources.

**PRINCIPLES**

Three principles have been integral to the formation of the joint position statement on the future of health care in Canada:

1. **Equity**: Health care should be accessible to all Canadians, based on need and not on ability to pay. This principle is fundamental to ensuring that all Canadians have access to the health care services they need, regardless of their socioeconomic status, location or other demographic factors.

2. **Quality**: Health care should be delivered in a manner that is safe, effective, and considerate of the needs of patients. This principle is essential to ensuring that all Canadians receive the highest quality of care, regardless of the location or setting in which it is delivered.

3. **Efficiency**: Health care should be delivered in a manner that is cost-effective and sustainable. This principle is necessary to ensuring that the health care system is fiscally responsible and able to deliver high-quality care to all Canadians in the long term.
A More Robust Economy through a Healthier Population: Canadian Medical Association 2012–2013 pre-budget submission
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10635

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Canada's Food Guide
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TOPICS Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Climate Change and Human Health

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Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Clinical guideline for homeless and vulnerably housed people, and people with lived homelessness experience

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DATE  2019-10-17
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         Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
CMA presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on Bill C-38
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House of Commons  
Standing Committee on Finance  
Study of Bill C-38

Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull  
President  
Canadian Medical Association  
Ottawa, ON  
May 31, 2012

Check against delivery
CMA’s recommendations for effective poverty reduction strategies
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13582

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Parliamentary submission

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2017-02-28

TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Early childhood development
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11476

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TOPICS Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system: Where do we stand?

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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Health and health care for an aging population
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11061

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DATE  2013-12-07
REPLACES  PD00-03 - Principles for medical care of older persons
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
        Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
Health Canada consultation on Canadian drugs and substances strategy
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14017

POLICY TYPE  Response to consultation
DATE  2018-12-04
TOPICS  Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs
Population health, health equity, public health

Documents
Health equity and the social determinants of health: A role for the medical profession

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