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

Documents

CMA CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

The Code of Ethics and Professionalism articulates the fundamental principles of professionalism, integrity and humanism that guide the conduct of physicians in the practice of medicine. The Code provides a framework for ethical decision-making and sets out the expectations for behavior of physicians in their professional and personal roles.

The Code is intended to promote self-regulation, self-discipline and accountability among physicians. It is designed to enhance the public's confidence in the integrity and competence of the medical profession.

This Code is intended to be a living document, and it will be reviewed and updated periodically to reflect changes in medical practice and advances in medical knowledge.

A. VIRTUES ENHANCED BY THE ETHICAL PHYSICIAN

1. Truth
2. Creativity
3. Integrity
4. Honesty
5. Humility
6. Prudence

B. FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICIAN

1. Patients
2. Health care workers
3. People with whom the physician has business or professional relationships
4. Fellow physicians
5. The community

C. THE PHYSICIAN'S DUTIES

1. To provide care to patients
2. To participate in public health activities
3. To participate in the education and training of physicians
4. To participate in the development of medical knowledge
5. To participate in the improvement of health care delivery systems
Ensuring equitable access to health care: Strategies for governments, health system planners, and the medical profession
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Documents
Health Care Transformation in Canada: Change that Works, Care that Lasts
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Improving efficiency in the Canadian health care system
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1. Introduction

Health care systems in Canada and elsewhere are experiencing growing demands that are outpacing the available resources. This system is not efficient, as evidenced by the high cost and long wait times for care. The inefficiencies in the system must be addressed to ensure that Canadians receive the care they need in a timely and affordable manner. This policy statement provides a framework for improving efficiency in the health care system in Canada.

The core principles of efficiency are prioritization, coordination, and utilization. Prioritization involves identifying the most important health care needs and allocating resources accordingly. Coordination involves ensuring that health care services are delivered in a coordinated and seamless manner. Utilization involves ensuring that resources are used in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

2. Prioritization

Prioritizing health care needs is crucial for improving efficiency. Resources should be allocated to meet the most urgent needs first. This may involve prioritizing certain types of care, such as cancer care, and ensuring that these services are available when needed.

3. Coordination

Effective coordination of care is essential for improving efficiency. This involves ensuring that patients are connected to the appropriate care providers and services at the right time. It also involves ensuring that care is provided in a coordinated and seamless manner, with all providers working together to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

4. Utilization

Efficiency in health care utilization involves ensuring that resources are used in the most effective and efficient manner possible. This may involve implementing strategies to reduce waste, such as reducing the number of unnecessary tests or procedures, or using technology to improve efficiency.

In conclusion, improving efficiency in the health care system is crucial for ensuring that Canadians receive the care they need in a timely and affordable manner. This policy statement provides a framework for improving efficiency through prioritization, coordination, and utilization.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Joint position statement: Principles to guide health care transformation in Canada
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10218

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PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION IN CANADA

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Advancing Inclusion and quality of life for seniors
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13729

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         Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents
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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Health care and patient safety
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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TOPICS  Health systems, system funding and performance

Documents

Opening Statement

House of Commons
Standing Committee on Finance
Study of Bill C-38

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

Check against delivery
CMA's recommendations for effective poverty reduction strategies
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CMA Submission:
CMA's Recommendations for Effective Poverty Reduction Strategies

Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
CMA’s Response to Questionnaire From the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance: 2012-2013 Pre-Budget Consultation
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy10445

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Documents
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Early childhood development is the foundation of all future learning. The first three years of life are critical for developing the brain structures and cognitive skills that will enable children to learn. Effective early childhood development programs increase the likelihood that children will develop their potential and reduce the risk of lifelong socioeconomic disadvantages. The Canadian Mental Health Association believes that early childhood development policies and programs should be a priority for governments and communities. Early childhood development programs should focus on building strong, healthy, and happy children and families, and should be integrated into health, social, and educational systems.

The CMA Recommends that:

1. The federal government, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, take action to protect vulnerable children from poverty and support families and communities that provide opportunities for children to achieve their potential.

2. The federal government continue to invest in early childhood development and education, and allocate 1% of GDP funding to early childhood development initiatives.

Information on CMA policy and recommendations can be accessed on the Policybase website (https://policybase.cma.ca). Policybase is the official repository of the Canadian Medical Association's policies and recommendations. The policy sections referenced in this document are available in electronic format on the Policybase website.

Documents

Population health, health equity, public health
The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system: Where do we stand?

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Health Canada consultation on Canadian drugs and substances strategy
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Health equity and the social determinants of health: A role for the medical profession

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