Palliative care

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PALLIATIVE CARE

Introduction
Palliative care is an approach that aims to improve the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problems associated with any kind of disease. The goal is to prevent and relieve suffering by providing a range of physical, psychological, social and spiritual support.

General principles

1. Palliative care should be provided regardless of a patient's diagnosis, stage of illness, or ability to respond to treatment.
2. Palliative care should always be provided alongside other types of medical care to provide the best relief possible.
3. Palliative care should be made available to all patients who might benefit, whether they are interested or not.
4. Palliative care can be provided in many settings, including hospitals, clinics, homes, and hospices.

This policy supports the implementation of a shared care model, emphasizing collaboration between primary care and a palliative care team. It also encourages health care providers to be knowledgeable about palliative care and to refer patients as needed.
Organ and tissue donation and transplantation
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Equity and diversity in medicine
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EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE

A. BACKGROUND

The principle of equity in health care delivery is one of the cornerstones of contemporary health care. It is based on the recognition that individuals and communities have different needs and that these needs should be met in a fair and equitable manner. Equity in health care is achieved through a combination of policies and practices that ensure that all people, regardless of their background, have equal access to health care services and equal opportunities to attain good health. This includes ensuring that people have access to information, health care providers, and health care services that are sensitive to their cultural and linguistic needs.

In addition, equity in health care is achieved through policies and practices that address the root causes of health inequalities, such as poverty, racism, and discrimination. This includes ensuring that people have access to economic opportunities, education, and social services that are necessary to promote good health.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Standing Committee on Health’s study on violence faced by healthcare workers

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14052

POLICY TYPE  Parliamentary submission
DATE  2019-05-14
TOPICS  Health care and patient safety
Ethics and medical professionalism
Health human resources
Physician practice, compensation, forms

Documents
Joint statement on preventing and resolving ethical conflicts involving health care providers and persons receiving care
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy202

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TOPICS Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Principles concerning physician information

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DATE: 2002-06-02
TOPICS: Health information and e-health
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents

Putting Patients First: Comments on Bill C 6 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act): Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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Health care and patient safety
Health information and e-health

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“Putting Patient First”

Comments on Bill C-6

(Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act)

Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

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CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Listening to our Patient's Concerns: Comments on Bill C 54 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act): Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

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TOPICS: Health care and patient safety, Health information and e-health, Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
### Caring in a Crisis: The Ethical Obligations of Physicians and Society During a Pandemic

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**Caring in a Crisis: The Ethical Obligations of Physicians and Society During a Pandemic**

- The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our society is becoming more complex and challenging. Physicians are being called upon to make decisions in situations where there is no clear solution. The CMA policy addresses the ethical obligations of physicians during a pandemic, including the principles of beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice. It also discusses the role of the medical community in providing care during a pandemic.

**Key points**

1. **Beneficence**
   - Physicians have a duty to maximize the benefits of care and minimize harm to patients.

2. **Non-maleficence**
   - Physicians must avoid doing harm to patients at all times.

3. **Justice**
   - The policy recommends that decisions be made in a way that is fair and just, taking into account the needs of all patients.

4. **Other important principles**
   - respecting the autonomy of patients, ensuring access to care, and protecting the health of the public.

5. **Conclusion**
   - The policy concludes that physicians have a moral obligation to provide care during a pandemic, even in situations where the outcome is uncertain. The policy recommends that decisions be made in a way that is fair, just, and respectful of the autonomy of patients.
The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system: Where do we stand?
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The Evolving Professional Relationship between Canadian Physicians and our Health Care System: Where do we stand?

Outline

The paper discusses the current state of the professional relationship between Canadian physicians and the health care system, including changes in the role of physicians, the evolution of the health care system, and the implications for the future. It argues that the current state of the professional relationship is characterized by a number of factors, including the increasing complexity of health care delivery, the changing expectations of patients, and the impact of technological advancements. The paper concludes with recommendations for improving the professional relationship between Canadian physicians and the health care system.

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the development of a formal and transparent process for the development of national standards for the professional relationship between Canadian physicians and the health care system. These standards should be based on best practices and should be regularly reviewed and updated. The CMA recommends that a steering committee be established to develop these standards, with representation from various stakeholders, including physicians, patients, and the public. The committee should be mandated to develop and implement the standards, and to report on their effectiveness.

The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system is a complex and dynamic process. It requires ongoing attention and effort to ensure that the relationship remains strong and effective. The CMA encourages all stakeholders to participate actively in conversations about the evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and the health care system.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
Statement to the Canadian panel on violence against women Ottawa - September, 1992

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Supporting the enactment of Bill C-14, Medical Assistance in Dying
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13693

POLICY TYPE Parliamentary submission
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TOPICS Ethics and medical professionalism

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Health Care Coverage for Migrants: An Open Letter to the Canadian Federal Government

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TOPICS
Population health, health equity, public health
Health systems, system funding and performance
Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Guidelines for CMA’s activities and relationships with other parties

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy234

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Medical professionalism (Update 2005)
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DATE  2005-12-03
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TOPICS  Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13860

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DATE  2018-03-03
TOPICS  Health information and e-health, Ethics and medical professionalism

Documents
Federal monitoring of medical assistance in dying regulations
https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13856

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DATE  2018-02-13
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Documents
Principles for the protection of patient privacy

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PD11-03 Principles for the Protection of Patients’ Personal Health Information

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