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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The CMA supports health-promoting changes to the built environment to promote active transportation and active living. This includes promoting walking, cycling, and other active modes of transportation. Active transportation can improve health outcomes and reduce environmental impact. The CMA recommends the following measures to promote active transportation:

1. Support policies that prioritize active transportation in urban planning, such as implementing bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly streets.
2. Increase funding for active transportation infrastructure and programs.
3. Promote active transportation in school and community settings.
4. Implement policies that encourage active transportation for commuting.

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- Physical Activity
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Health equity and the social determinants of health: A role for the medical profession

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### Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health: A Role for the Medical Profession

#### Introduction

Interactions between individual and community characteristics and circumstances shape the distribution and experience of health. The interventions of individuals and communities influence the health of the population. In the past, Canadian health professionals have focused on treating disease, but they have more recently recognized that health is determined by a variety of factors beyond the control of individuals alone. These social determinants of health (SDH) include factors such as income, education, occupation, social support networks, social norms, and government policies and legislation. Health disparities are evident among various population groups, such as First Nations and other Indigenous peoples, people living in rural communities, sexual and gender minorities, those with low income, and those with disabilities. These conditions are influenced by social, economic, and environmental factors that are often created and maintained by poverty, discrimination, and inequality.

#### Health Equity

Health equity is the fair and just distribution of health and health care resources, achieved when everyone benefits as much as possible from the health system and every individual and group benefits to the extent to which they participate fully in society. Health equity is not the same as equal health care, but rather involves recognition that different groups have different health care needs.

#### The Social Determinants of Health

The social determinants of health have been identified as the main factors that can either improve or reduce health. They include factors such as income, education, social support networks, environmental and community settings, and government policies and legislation. Health disparities are evident among various population groups, such as First Nations and other Indigenous peoples, people living in rural communities, sexual and gender minorities, those with low income, and those with disabilities. These conditions are influenced by social, economic, and environmental factors that are often created and maintained by poverty, discrimination, and inequality.

#### Health Care System

Canada's health care system is a national approach to providing health care to all citizens. It is based on the principles of universality, accessibility, and public responsibility. The system is funded primarily through taxation, with a small portion from user fees. The system is provided through a network of hospitals, clinics, doctors, and other health care providers. The focus of the system is on providing access to health care services, rather than on preventing illness or promoting health.

#### Health Promotion

Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over and improve their own health. It involves policies, programs, and environments that support healthy behaviors and healthful living. Health promotion is a key strategy in the prevention of disease and illness, and it can help to reduce health disparities.

#### Health Care Policy

Health care policy is the process of making decisions about the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services. It involves the development and implementation of policies that affect the health of the population, such as policies related to health care funding, access to care, and the organization of the health care system.
Restricting marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages to children and youth in Canada: A Canadian health care and scientific organization policy consensus statement
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Proposed UN Convention on the rights of older persons

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We have proposed the creation of a proposed UN Convention on the rights of older persons. This convention would be a significant step forward in addressing the health and rights of older people worldwide. The convention would aim to protect and promote the rights of older persons, including rights to health, education, work, and social protection. It would also promote the participation of older persons in decision-making and ensure their rights are respected and protected. The convention is currently being drafted and will be presented to the United Nations for consideration and adoption. It is to be complemented by a framework that includes a comprehensive set of standards and guidelines to facilitate implementation.
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