Principles for Health System Governance

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) advocates for policies that promote a healthy population, effective healthcare delivery, and optimal health outcomes. These principles are intended to guide decision-making and ensure the public's health needs are met. The CMA's position is that health systems should be organized, managed, and funded in a manner that ensures the delivery of high-quality care to all Canadians, while respecting their rights and needs. The organization supports policies that foster a collaborative approach between the public, stakeholders, and government to improve the health system's performance. This includes the integration of health information technologies and a focus on evidence-based decision-making. The principles aim to ensure accessibility, affordability, and quality in healthcare services, and support ongoing research and innovation to further improve health outcomes.