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Summary

The harms associated with psychoactive prescription medications, particularly opioids, are a serious public health issue in Canada. The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is dedicated to addressing these harms and promoting safer prescribing practices.

The CMA has developed policies and guidelines to help healthcare providers manage the risks associated with opioids and other psychoactive prescription drugs. These guidelines include recommendations for pain management, patient education, and monitoring for adverse effects.

The CMA encourages healthcare providers to stay informed about the latest research and best practices in managing prescription drug harms. By implementing these guidelines, healthcare providers can help ensure patient safety and improve outcomes for their patients.

The CMA continues to monitor the evolving landscape of prescription drug harms and will update its policies and guidelines as necessary to reflect the latest evidence and best practices.