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STATEMENT  |  DÉCLARATION

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Effective September 18, 2016, the CMA’s submission to the Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation recognizes the emerging practice of marijuana in medicine.

The CMA is committed to its role as the national advocate for the health and well-being of all Canadians and as the leading voice of physicians on health policy.

The CMA has always advocated for evidence-based policies and measures to improve health and reduce risks. This submission is an opportunity to provide evidence to inform legislative and regulatory decisions.

The CMA’s position is guided by the best available evidence and recommendations of the experts.

The CMA encourages the government to consider the following recommendations:

- Establish a framework for monitoring and evaluating the impact of the legalization and regulation of marijuana on health and public health.
- Ensure that access to marijuana is restricted to adults of legal age.
- Implement measures to prevent youth access to marijuana.
- Strengthen addiction treatment and support services for those who need them.
- Support research on the health effects of marijuana.
- Protect the rights of medical practitioners to discuss the use of marijuana with their patients.

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