Legalization, regulation and restriction of access to marijuana

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy11954

POLICY TYPE
Response to consultation

DATE
2016-08-29

TOPICS
Pharmaceuticals, prescribing, cannabis, drugs

Documents

CMA Submission
Legislation, Regulation and Restriction of Access to Marijuana

Government of Canada - Task Force on Marijuana
Legislation and Regulation

August 30, 2016

STATEMENT | DÉCLARATION

CMA Statement - Legislation of Marijuana

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is pleased to present its submission to the Government of Canada's Task Force on Marijuana Legislation and Regulation, entitled "Legislation, Regulation and Restriction of Access to Marijuana." The CMA's position is that the federal government, through the controlled prescription system for medicinal use, should assume responsibility for the medical use of cannabis.

The CMA recommends that the current federal regulations be amended to allow doctors to provide a medical prescription for cannabis, subject to strict conditions.

The CMA also recommends that the federal government establish a system for the controlled prescription of cannabis for medical use, similar to the system currently in place for opioids.

The CMA further recommends that the federal government establish a system for the sale of cannabis to patients, similar to the system currently in place for opioids.

The CMA believes that the controlled prescription system for medicinal use is the best way to ensure that patients are able to access cannabis for medical use in a safe and controlled manner.

For more information, please visit: CMA.ca

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association