COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

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Introduction

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has been advocating for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines globally. The CMA supports the immediate and unconditional donation of COVID-19 vaccines to low- and middle-income countries through a transparent, multinational, and fair allocation process. The CMA calls on all governments, international organizations, and vaccine manufacturers to prioritize global access and equity in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

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