



Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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Policy position recommendation

1. The CMA strongly encourages physicians to voluntarily disclose their vaccine status to their patients to allow patients to make an informed decision about their care and bolster vaccine acceptance.
2. The CMA continues to call for mandatory vaccination of all health care workers to protect themselves, their families, communities, and those in their care.

A. Rationale

- The question of mandatory disclosure of vaccination status gives rise to two conflicting primary duties: 1) the duty to care owed to the patient by the physician – and, if relevant, by the institution in which they work – to act in the patient's best interest and 2) the duty owed to the physician by their institution and regulator to protect their right to keep their personal health information confidential and private. In short, it involves a weighing of a patient's right to know versus a physician's right to privacy.
- When there are competing duties, the objective is to prevent compromising either duty. This can be best achieved by encouraging voluntary disclosure so that physicians are not obligated to share their personal health information with regards to their vaccination status with patients and instituting mechanisms that significantly minimize potential harm to patients by unvaccinated physicians through regulatory and institutional measures, such as vaccine mandates, and ensure that participating physicians and institutions are held accountable for their compliance.
- There is no substantive patient right to know their physician's health status, including vaccination status. Currently, healthcare workers are not legally obligated to disclose their vaccination status to their patients. This is primarily due to privacy rights, and the implications

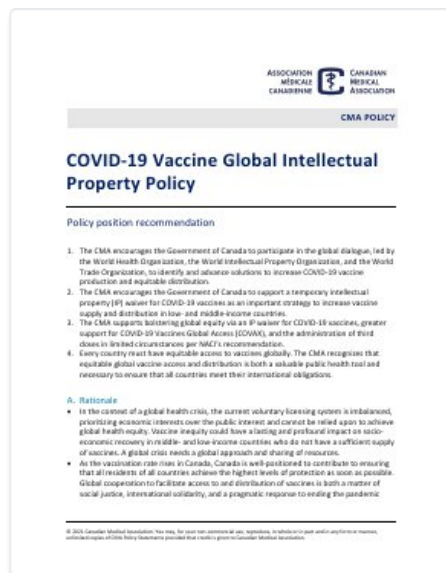
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