

Opioid crisis: How the CMPA supports Canadian physicians



The CMPA supports physicians by providing a continuum of evidence-based medical-legal advice and education.

By empowering physicians to practise confidently and to provide safe care, the CMPA plays an important role in ensuring a safe and sustainable healthcare system for Canadians.

What can physicians do?

- 1 Implement safe prescribing practices**
- 2 Communicate effectively with patients**
- 3 Call CMPA for advice**

The CMPA...

- Delivered **15 in-person education sessions** on medication safety and use of opioids, reaching **> 1000 practitioners in 2017.**
- Published **7 articles** on opioid safety and safe prescribing, attracting **> 9000 views.**
- Continued to **collaborate** with organizations across Canada to promote system-level change and appropriate prescribing practices.
- Provided real-time support to physicians when questions arose in their practice. From May - August 2017, the CMPA responded to approximately **250 calls** for advice about opioid prescribing.



The CMPA is proud to be among the many organizations across Canada working to address the opioid crisis through the Joint Statement of Action.