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RE: Vaccine Policies

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Dear Colleagues,

“The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.”

We should expect vaccine policies to be challenged as unconstitutional and should make sure that the justifications have been adequately demonstrated before we implement them on our own initiative.

Although there are certainly ways to deal with a pandemic that would be compatible with a free and democratic society, there are strong questions as to whether the recommendations being made to us now are compatible. When has it been demonstrated, in writing, that this approach is justified in a free and democratic society?

Furthermore, the approach of mandating these specific vaccines even outside a free and democratic society needs to be justified. Our chief medical officer of health should be providing us a written report on why employees and councillors should be required to show proof that they have received a vaccine that does not prevent contraction, morbidity, or transmission, a vaccine that has not been through a complete approval process, a vaccine for which new adverse side effects are still being discovered, a vaccine for which a national vaccine injury compensation program had to be implemented, a vaccine that is not producing resistance equivalent to natural immunity.

I will move that vaccine policies should be referred to a meeting where these justifications have been demonstrated in report form and can be evaluated.

Yours,

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