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Joint statement from the Canadian Medical Forum on bullying, attacks, and violence against health workers

The Canadian Medical Forum brings together leaders of Canada’s major national medical and health organizations to discuss issues of priority to physicians, their patients, health care workers and the Canadian healthcare system.

As such, we condemn the repeated bullying, attacks, and violence directed at health care workers at the protests outside of numerous hospitals, acute care centres, and healthcare providers’ homes. Canadian health care workers are committed to caring for and treating patients, often under tremendous stress and at risk to their own health. They should not be targeted, traumatized, or harassed as they endeavor to save lives and care for the sick and injured.

The COVID-19 pandemic has killed thousands of Canadians and has brought our health care system to the edge of collapse. We all play a role in reducing the burden on our health care system and saving lives of our fellow Canadians. Getting vaccinated is the best hope we have to move forward.

Sincerely,

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