

MARCH PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Environmental Sustainability

In early January, CAS President, Dr. Giuseppe Fuda along with Vanessa Foran, CAS CEO, met with Environmental and Climate Change Canada's Net Zero team. Canada's Net-Zero Plan, legally mandated by the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (2021), commits the country to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Following the discussion, Dr. Joanna Fifen, Chair of CAS' Environmental and Sustainability Section, has been invited to join a net zero working group on healthcare to help decision makers meet Canada's net zero challenge.

Also, early this year, with support from the Environmental and Sustainability Section, CAS made a Desflurane submission for a substance assessments under the 2023 Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), section 76(1). This officially requests federal Environment and Health Ministers to review a substance and ensure that it complies with the risk standards in CEPA section 64.

CAS' New Advocacy Framework

CAS recently published a new Advocacy Framework, which depicts our targeted advocacy efforts in the areas of Quality and Patient Safety, Access to Care and Environmental Sustainability, all supported by Public Awareness Effort. We have also adjusted our advocacy updates to be listed by topic so that they are easier to find on our web site. Check out the updated page at www.cas.ca/advocacy.

Upcoming Meetings with Policy Makers

Dr. Fuda and Vanessa Foran will be meeting with the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction in late March and are busy working with Global Public Affairs for plans to meet with Parliamentarians following the Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

