

I wanted to post a quick message as a new FHT pharmacist and part-time community pharmacist working in a remote Northern Ontario town.

These requests from our college not only reflect our professional abilities which have been mostly 'untapped' in the past, but these changes are especially urgent/needed for the seamless care we can provide to our patients - especially in an underserviced area. Nurse practitioners and the local pharmacists are the main healthcare providers in this area and gaining the legal ability to 'dispense without further authorization' will be beneficial for MANY parties involved (as outlined by the College's submission). Our Ontario pharmacists are trained and ready to provide these services and I just hope that the ministry will approve these requests within a timely manner - and keep in line with other provinces which already permit a wider scope of pharmacy practice!

Thank you for your time and please consider these proposals as a way pharmacists can finally take on a larger role in providing safe and timely healthcare to Ontarians.

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