

I have had a chance to review the submission set forth by the Ontario College of Pharmacists to HPRAC regarding the scope of practice. As a retail pharmacist in the province of Ontario, it is with great pleasure that I fully support the College's initiatives in advancing the role of the community pharmacist. What the College is proposing would allow for much better health care in the long run for the residents of our province. Pharmacists, in my opinion, are under-utilized in their vast knowledge of healthcare. I believe that given the opportunity as proposed by the College, it would allow us to finally utilize our knowledge, skills, and expertise. I am opposed to calling this "prescribing" but am fully supportive of what the College is recommending; "dispensing without further authorization from a prescriber subject to terms and conditions." I am very excited that we are moving forward and may soon one day be able to adapt or alter a dosage form, dosing regimen or strength and to authorize prescription refills if/when the physician is unavailable. I am in full support of my College's proposal, and look forward to being able to practice in this newly expanded scope.