

I wanted to send a brief email to support expanding a pharmacists' role in providing patient care to Ontario residents.

I believe that pharmacists have the aptitude and knowledge to expand our role to include limited prescribing (including initiating patient therapy based on physician diagnosis and lab results) and adjusting prescription medication dosage based on lab results.

I also believe that, with valuable training, pharmacists should be able to provide injections (such as vitamin B12 injections) and vaccinations.

I will also stress that pharmacists need to be adequately reimbursed by the Ontario government in order for us to provide any additional services - reimbursement that would be on par with the current reimbursement schedules for the provision of these services.

Ontario residents will greatly benefit from an expanded pharmacist role. It would decrease hospital visits, waiting times to see family physicians, and allow physicians to spend more time with their patients.

Sincerely,
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