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Regarding: pharmacy scope of practice submission:

As chairperson of the Canadian Association of Nephrology Dietitians I would like to express my concern about the pharmacy scope of practice including nutrition consultation. Within the nephrology patient population exists a range of therapeutic diets which are essential to the management and prevention of complications of renal disease. Nutrition consultation by a health professional who is not a Registered Dietitian and not trained in the assessment of nutrition would be inappropriate and could potentially dangerous. In this population (as well as other chronic disease populations) nutrition consultation by non-dietitians can be disastrous since the diet must incorporate sodium, potassium, fat, carbohydrate, phosphorus, and energy. I do not agree that pharmacists have the training to do nutrition consultation.

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