

I am writing to you to express my support for the changes to the scope of practice as outlined in the submissions from the Ontario College of Pharmacists and the Ontario Pharmacists Association. Many of the regulations in place today handcuff pharmacists and prevent them from being able to use their expertise and specialized knowledge to benefit the health of Ontarians.

I think that part of the solution would be to adapt a similar structure to Nurse Practitioners and let those pharmacists that can demonstrate proficiency in these extra areas, be allowed to do so. I am not in favour of these rights being allowed across the board because, as in every profession there are some less than capable pharmacists. Also, I think with the current reimbursement model, allowing these proposed amendments to the scope of practice may result in some abuse.

In summary, I am definitely in favour of expanding the scope of practice for pharmacists, but would like to see additional training and a separate licensing class for those that can demonstrate the proficiency.

Sincerely,

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