

I fully support the submissions of the OCP and OPA. As a practicing pharmacist the expanded roles outlined in these documents would enable me to serve the citizens of Ontario more effectively and closer to the extent of my training and personal skills. I know that not all pharmacists feel the same as I so these expanded responsibilities must not be forced upon all pharmacists, but those with the will can provide a greater service than pharmacists are currently allowed to provide. These changes must be accompanied by an appropriate level of reimbursement for the services provided. The current model of reimbursement for the dispensing activity does not provide the appropriate amount of funding for even that activity and pharmacies must rely on reimbursement models and partnerships with generic manufacturers in order to remain financially viable. Adequate reimbursement for cognitive services provided as part of the dispensing activity and those provided outside of the dispensing activity will help to offset this gap while improving the pharmaceutical care of Ontario's population.

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