

I am an Independent pharmacist and I fully endorse the points of view expressed by Ontario College of Pharmacists and OPA regarding the "expanded" role of Pharmacists as a primary health care provider.

For example: ? dispense a prescription without further authorization from a prescriber under certain circumstance

\* changing the dosage form to one reimbursable by the patient's third party drug benefit plan (e.g. Biaxin 500 mg is not covered by ODB, but 250 mg tablet is. But We now seek doctor's authorization to make those changes while patient wait for hours); and when the prescribed dose or dosage form is not commercially available (e.g. 50 mg only comes in 52.5 mg) ? authorizing further extension of a prescription where there are no existing refills for continuity of care ? providing Schedule II and III drugs as a prescription where required for reimbursement under drug plans (We have to call doctor for refills of Glucometer test strips, needles etc. while diabatic patients suffer) ? adjusting dosage of medication in response to monitoring (e.g. lab tests).  
? administer drugs, including through injection and inhalation, for patient education.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

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