



PHARMACISTS' PRACTICE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE:

- To assist the Association in offering the following support and services to pharmacists when carrying out their practice:
 - Professional and economically viable drug therapy information/resources
 - Best practice and tools to ensure best quality care for patients
- To provide expert advice to the Association to advocate for better patient care outcomes through the advancement of the profession, e.g. more cognitive services, expanded scope of practice, utilizing technologies to enhance operational efficiency and record keeping/sharing, etc.
- To assist and provide practice advice for the development of practice-based tools to suit the needs of members
- To recommend new research initiatives that will enhance practice efficacy and quality
- To identify practice issues/concerns for the Association to address

AUTHORITY:

As mandated by and under the direction of the Board of Directors. Accountable to the Board of Directors.

COMPOSITION:

Chair:	- Member of the Board of Directors
Vice Chair	- Committee Member, elected by Committee
Members	- Minimum 5
Staff Support	- As determined by the CEO
Quorum	- 50% plus 1 committee member

LENGTH OF TERM:

Annual (Board year). A mix of current and new members to allow for continuity.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

At the call of the Chair and as per the OPA budget allocation.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To assess the professional and consider financial impact of policy decisions, government regulations and managed care initiatives as they relate to the practice of pharmacy in Ontario.
- To advise on the education, communication and partnering with stakeholders (e.g. health providers, consumers and organizations) regarding pharmacy services.
- To advise on the development and provision of tools and solutions to enhance the provision of pharmacy services to pharmacy stakeholders.
- To provide recommendations and suggest opportunities that will optimize the impact of emerging process and trends across pharmacy practice settings in Ontario.



- To review and make recommendations re specific professional practice policies, programs, tools and guidelines to assist members in meeting the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) Standards of Practice and OCP Code of Ethics.
- To advise on inter/intra professional Systems to remove barriers and promote the advancement of the practice of pharmacy
- To monitor and evaluate the uptake and outcomes of new professional practice services, pharmacy practice tools and programs and to make recommendations based on these results.
- To perpetually examine the pharmacists practice environment and address issues that directly impact pharmacists in Ontario.
- To review reports from the PPC Sub-Committees/Working Groups
- To review external practice-based submissions and identify opportunities impacting the pharmacy profession in Ontario and be informed of OPA responses.
- To monitor and review drug scheduling changes and bring forward recommendations.
- To identify potential continuing education opportunities to be assessed by OPA's continuing education department.
- To monitor and review regulatory and legislative changes that significantly impacts the practice of pharmacy.
- To act as a referral to specialized committees.
- To operate within budget.

REPORTING:

- Committee Minutes* to the Board of Directors.
- Written Report to the Members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Ongoing Communication as the committee deemed necessary

*Minutes to be finalized and circulated within 10 business days of conclusion of the meeting.

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