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# Ontario FHT Pharmacist Networking Day

## Medical Directives

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# Facilitating Integrated, Interprofessional Care & Patient Safety

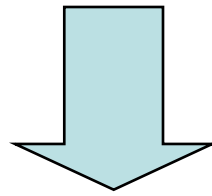
Working with Delegation, Medical  
Directives and Orders  
in an Ever-Evolving, Multi-  
Professional, Multi-Statute  
Controlled Acts Practice  
Environment





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- Enable professionals and teams in any health care setting in Ontario to use delegation, medical directives and orders in accordance with patient needs and legislative and regulatory requirements



- Address varying and evolving interpretations of delegation, directives and orders
- Create interprofessional guidelines and tools to facilitate use



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# Consensus

## 'Common Denominators'

- Authorizing Mechanisms
- Authorizers and Implementers
- Performance Readiness
- Principal Expectations of Practice
- Accountability





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# Performance Readiness

- Prior to authorizing or performing any procedure, RHPs must assure **performance readiness** – competence to authorize and perform procedures and manage outcomes given the patient's condition and needs and circumstances in the situation



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# Accountability

- RHP authorizers and implementers are **both accountable** for their decisions and actions
- If RHPs hold themselves out as **competent**, this can be relied upon, unless there are reasonable grounds to believe otherwise



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- **Accountability is never transferred**, RHPs are always accountable for decisions and actions
- **Liability** is managed by appropriately fulfilling responsibilities in accordance with applicable expectations for practice



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# Why Accept Authority to Perform a Controlled Act?

- Facilitate patient access to care
- Provide care/service by most reasonable health care practitioners
- Provide safe and ethical care in best interest of patient
- Enhances collaborative health care model, especially in primary care
- Cost effective



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# In which practice settings could it work?

- Hospitals
- Community pharmacies
- Family Health Care Teams