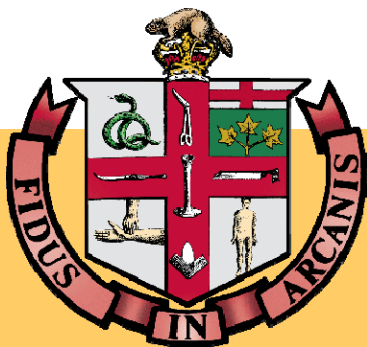


Ontario FHT Pharmacist Networking Day

Bill 179: *The Regulated Health Professions Statute Law Amendment Act, 2009*

What does it all mean?

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Agenda

- Bill 179 Overview
- Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration
- No really, what does it all mean?



Bill 179 Overview



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Bill 179

- Government response to HPRAC's Report "Critical Links".
- Amends the RHPA and **25** other pieces of legislation.



Bill 179

- Turbo Timeline – 6 months start to finish
- Legislation is *enabling*
 - *Most details will be set out in regulation*



Bill 179 - Goals

Bill 179 supports the HealthForceOntario health human resources strategy by:

- Increasing patient access by better utilizing health professionals and reducing barriers to their practice; and
- Improving patient safety by strengthening the health professional regulatory system



Scope changes

➤ Pharmacy

➤ Optometry

➤ Physiotherapy

➤ Midwifery

➤ Nursing



	Prescribing	Dispensing
Dental Hygienists	NEW	NEW
Nurses	✓ (for NPs)	NEW
Naturopaths	NEW	NEW
Pharmacists	NEW	✓



Oversight and Accountability

Supervisor & Audit Provisions

- Appointment at Minister's discretion
- Implications for self-regulation in Ontario



Other Changes

- Expert Committees
- Professional Liability Insurance
- Remote Dispensing



CPSO Response

- Government incursion into self-regulation
 - Supervisor and audit provisions
- Scope expansion may not promote IPC without other systems supports in place
 - EHR, funding model
- *Pharmacists should prescribe post-diagnosis, in collaboration with a prescriber*



New Object - RHPA

To develop, in collaboration and consultation with other Colleges, standards of knowledge, skill and judgment relating to the performance of controlled acts common among health professions to enhance interprofessional collaboration, while respecting the unique character of individual health professions and their members



Pharmacist-Physician Collaboration



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Draft Dispensing Policy

- Physicians can dispense, but few do
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- Developed in collaboration with the OCP
- Expectations for physicians and guidance regarding standards
- Revisions to policy as a result of Bill 179?



PAPE Agreement

- PAPE - Pharmacist Authorization of Prescription Extensions
- Extensions only in certain circumstances
 - chronic/long-term condition
 - no narcotics
 - stable history
 - one extension only
 - report to prescriber within one week
- Medication Management



Anticoagulation (INR) Clinics

- Pharmacists and Nurses
- Directives from physician
- Coordinated, focused approach to care
- FHTs and hospitals
- Clinics outside of FHT/hospital settings?



E-Prescribing

- Pilot Project funded by the Ministry
- Supported by CPSO, OCP and CNO
- Enables physicians to authorize prescriptions from an enhanced EMR
- Enables pharmacists to access portions of the EMR to authenticate the script
- Works well in a closed system



Other Possible Regulations

- NPs and physios to order diagnostic ultrasound
- Pharmacists and physios to order lab tests
- Optometrists – glaucoma treatment
- NPs and nurses – medical certificates of death



Implications?

- Regulation consultations from multiple professions
- Potential for confusion as all professions adjust to new roles

