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# Ontario FHT Pharmacist Networking Day

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## **Bill 179...Amends**

- 1. Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act (DPRA)***
- 2. Pharmacy Act, 1991***
- 3. Ontario Drug Benefit Act (ODBA)***
- 4. Commitment to Future of Medicine Act (CFMA)***
- 5. Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)***
- 6. Others***



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## Enhanced Scope of Practice

- The practice of pharmacy is,
  - a) the custody, compounding, dispensing and prescribing of drugs;
  - b) The provision of health care aids and devices;
  - c) The provision of information and **education** related to the use of anything mentioned in clauses (a) and (b); and
  - d) The promotion of health, prevention and treatment of disease, disorders and dysfunctions through monitoring and management of medication therapy**



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## **Additional Authorized Acts**

1. Administering by injection or inhalation a substance specified in the regulations
2. Prescribing a drug specified in the regulations
3. Prescribing a drug other than one mentioned in paragraph 3 in accordance with the regulations
4. Performing a procedure on tissue below the dermis



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## **Administering, by injection or inhalation, a substance specified in the regulations**

- For purposes of education, demonstration and information
- Drugs specified by expert committee
- Regulations to establish purpose, requirements and prohibitions



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## Prescribing a drug specified in the regulations

- Specified as drugs for smoking cessation
- Regulations to establish requirements, and prohibitions circumstances



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## **Prescribing a drug other than a drug mentioned in paragraph 3, in accordance with the regulations**

- Refers to adapting, modifying , adjusting and extending
- Drug categories specified by expert committee
- Regulations to specify purposes, requirements and prohibitions



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## Performing a procedure on tissue below dermis

- Finger pricking for blood glucose monitoring and education
- Regulations to specify purposes, requirements and prohibitions



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# Ordering Laboratory Tests

- Pharmacists included as practitioners who may order lab tests
- Regulations will specify list of tests to be ordered



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



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# Implications

- Shared controlled acts will allow (require?) us to work together to ensure consistent standards, no matter who performs the act
- Need to figure out how to prevent duplication of services and how to identify each practitioner
- Need for collaboration between practice sites (eg hospital and community)



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# Patient perspective

- What are patient needs and interests?
- Who can do what, who is doing it, when are they doing it and how will everyone know so everyone can do their part and not lose their registration?
- What am I doing that affects what someone else is doing and what do I need to say and do so they can do what they need to and so can I?



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# Critical Success Factors

- Direct participation by practitioners
  - Instrumental “team building” based on function & professional practice expectations
  - Clarify accountability - professional liability insurance
  - Explicitly identify mechanisms for collaboration
    - Communication structures and protocols
    - Conflict resolution
    - Understanding of systems and due process



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# Challenges

- Multifaceted Complexity
- Culture
- Timing