

As a Hospital Pharmacist working in the Emergency Department, I have the unique opportunity to connect with patients at one of the most vulnerable interfaces of care between the community and hospital setting. Medication errors can happen at any point in a patient's journey through the health care system, and as Pharmacists, we are exceptionally prepared and positioned to prevent patient harm by providing medication expertise and services.

Over my eleven year career, spanning both hospital and retail practice, I have seen the profession evolve and I take pride in being an advocate for patient care that is safe and reliable. I have been enthusiastically involved in committees, such as the Hamilton District Pharmacists Association as Professional Affairs Coordinator, the Hamilton Health Sciences Pharmacy Practice Council, and several Ministry of Health Quality Based Procedures to maximize the role of the Pharmacist, enhance interprofessional collaboration, and improve patient care outcomes. I provide direct patient care every day at the bedside, and appreciate the weight and expectation of quality care that patients and their families have of their Pharmacy team.

Protecting the public's interest is of paramount importance while advancing the profession. As Pharmacists partner with, and rely on, Technicians now more than ever, I recognize this opportunity to further protect the public. As a Professor for Niagara College's Registered Pharmacy Technician Program, I am involved in shaping the education of our Technician team members, to ensure they are raised with a culture of safety, professional obligation, and commitment to patient centred care to meet the expectations the public has of our profession. Similarly, I am involved with Quality Assurance in the licensing of Pharmacists in Ontario to ensure entry to practice standards are met and that patients can have confidence in the care they receive from any member of our College at any point in his or her career.

My career and professional focus has been on collaboration and commitment to safe patient care, and I look forward to the opportunity to represent your views as my colleagues to maintain this goal and the trust of the public that we serve.



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