



Mohamed Elsabakhawi

Election Statement:

Dear OCP District L Members,

It is with great respect that I am submitting my application as a candidate for the OCP Council 2019 District L Election. The OCP has achieved exceptional work in previous years and is on the same trajectory for the year of 2019.

The landscape for pharmacy is rapidly changing, as are the public expectations of OCP and its registered pharmacists. The role of the OCP is to protect and maintain the interests of the public, and to govern pharmacy professionals in accordance with legislation, standards of practice, code of ethics, and policies and guidelines. In order to meet these expectations, OCP Council has developed and launched the new three year strategic plan, which was designed by taking input from various stakeholders (public, government, pharmacy professionals, and other regulatory and health system partners).

It is clear that OCP is evolving as a regulatory body and transitioning to a more data-driven and intelligence-led organization. It would be an honor and privilege to contribute to this momentum, and I strongly believe that I would add value to the OCP Council deliberations, and decision making process.

I graduated from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia in 2005. I initially worked as a relief pharmacist for 5 years, and this gave me the opportunity to observe and experience various types of pharmacy practices at independent and chain pharmacies. I then began my career with Shoppers Drug Mart as an Associate Owner in 2011 and currently own and operate three locations in Mississauga.

Since 2014, I have been elected by fellow Associate Owners in the Mississauga area as the “Peers Representative”. This role involves facilitating between Senior Management and Associate Owners. Being a Peers Rep honed my skills to successfully collect feedback and develop solutions for optimal outcomes. One of my main areas of passion in our profession is to support and help develop new pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. As an APPE Preceptor for UofT and Waterloo University, I have had the opportunity to develop the confidence and skill sets of students, our future colleagues.

As someone with a vested interest in improving public health outcome, I am currently involved in a joint study between Banting & Best Diabetes Center and University of Toronto, called “Strategies to

encourage pharmacist routine follow-up after initial medication review in people with diabetes in primary health care". The goal of the study is to identify barriers in conducting follow-up MedsChecks and improve routine monitoring. Over the course of 9 months, I worked alongside other pharmacist champions who implemented various strategies through a number of Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles that would improve routine monitoring. By the end of this study, the intent is to create an online learning module based on the results, and disseminate knowledge on patient follow-up and monitoring strategies to pharmacists across the country.

In addition, I am on the Board for The Practice Advisory Committee for the Pharmacy Technician Program at Sheridan College. The committee gives recommendations on course structure and content as well as guidance on admission criteria.

Working in different practice setting in different provinces, being multi-store owner and operator, combined with responsibilities of being a Peers Rep, board member of the Practice Advisory Committee at Sheridan College, and being a preceptor for pharmacy students, has allowed me to be fully immersed in the profession. I believe my experience has allowed me to pinpoint and identify where more work maybe needed to further meet the mandate, and how our College can work to achieve this, and I will bring this experience to add value to OCP if elected.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for OCP Council Rep for District L