

Ruth-Ann Plaxton Candidate Statement

I have worked for over 37 years in community pharmacy and have been a Regulated Technician since 2012. I have previous experience on OCP Council with a 2-year term in 2017-2019. Working on council and committees has given me involvement with a wide range of committee members, college staff and the public. I have seen how working together we can make changes that will help protect the public.

This is an exciting time in pharmacy, with evolving roles for both Pharmacists and Regulated Technicians in our healthcare system. As Regulated Technicians, we play a vital role in supporting change to help improve effectiveness and efficiencies in our system and support the Pharmacists by enabling them to focus on new and expanded scope of practice. Working together helps ensure improved patient care for the patients we serve.

I believe that I have the skills and knowledge to be a representative voice for Regulated Technicians as a Board member and to help shape positive change in pharmacy for the betterment of our healthcare system. I have worked in a variety of practice sites, nursing home, independent, chain pharmacy, held a corporate pharmacy position, all of which has given me the broad experience that I believe would provide a valuable perspective.

I have had the opportunity to present to both Regulated Technicians and Pharmacists at the Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA) Conferences with topics such as, Optimizing your role in patient care services, leveraging the role of the Assistant and Technician in your pharmacy and Maximizing Pharmacy services through the Regulated Technician.

I have a visionary mindset, looking to evolve the future of the pharmacy, but always keeping in mind the fiduciary duty of a Board member, to serve the public by ensuring they receive the quality services and care that they deserve.