

Siva Sivapalan Candidate Statement

We are in one of the most trusted professions, and our focus on patient care in every aspect of our work is the main reasons behind this. It is crucial that we uphold this trust by supporting pharmacists in delivering the highest possible levels of patient care.

Council members at our College play a critical role in helping to shape our profession in a time of unprecedented change; change that will further develop and enhance the types of care we are able to provide for our patients.

I am currently a community pharmacist serving a diverse patient population, and also deliver diabetes education in collaboration with my local Family Health Team. I have also previously practiced in hospital pharmacy. This diversity in experience would bring value to Council deliberations in helping make decisions that shape the future of our profession.

I serve our profession voluntarily as continuing-education co-ordinator in Hamilton. Identify learning needs for Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians in my region, and pertinent topics and speakers. My role helps engage our profession locally, improve our clinical skills and share best practices amongst peers by promoting networking. This experience is critical as helping to make network connections is key to ensuring we remain important members of the multi-disciplinary team and advance our role within it.

I am a grass-roots community-pharmacist and associate-owner at Shoppers Drug Mart, Beamsville. Our team is committed to providing valuable co-operative experiences to our high school students and encouraging them to consider a career in pharmacy. Our pharmacy has received awards by the town of Lincoln for this and has helped students go on to pursue higher education in pharmacy. I have demonstrated a strong commitment to our profession at the college and locally in Hamilton and Niagara. Please consider re-electing me for the privilege of serving.