



**Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA)
and Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Alberta Branch (CSHP-AB)
Joint Statement Regarding the Evolving State of Pharmacy Practice in Alberta**

Pharmacy practice is changing. Pharmacists continue to be valued for their expertise in identifying, resolving, and preventing drug therapy problems, and are increasingly relied upon to provide care to Albertans.

Albertans seek care from pharmacists across a wide variety of practice environments that extend beyond the dispensing model of practice.

Alberta is a pioneer in advancing pharmacy practice. The legislative framework supports integration of pharmacists in more proactive, clinical models of care. Pharmacy technicians are now regulated as healthcare professionals, allowing pharmacists to focus on clinical services. Alberta has a payment model that recognizes pharmacists' contributions to fulfilling acute medication needs, managing chronic disease states, and improving patient wellness in community practice.

In addition to supporting pharmacist practice in traditional environments, RxA and CSHP-AB support and encourage pharmacist practice in environments outside of community pharmacies or hospitals to further meet the healthcare needs of Albertans. In order to enable practice in these emerging environments, we encourage pharmacists to work with their employers and professional associations to address barriers to compensation, technology and regulation. RxA and CSHP-AB envision a future where pharmacists have opportunities to practise in environments beyond today's traditional community pharmacy and hospital settings as part of the delivery of patient-focused pharmacy services to Albertans.