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CSHP ADVOCATES PRESCRIBING BY PHARMACISTS IN THE PROVISION OF HIGH-QUALITY, PATIENT-CENTRED CARE THAT IS SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE.

BACKGROUND

As regulated healthcare professionals, pharmacists are committed to the provision of high-quality, patient-centred care. Assessment of patients, management of their medications, and monitoring of care are core elements of pharmacists' practice. The authorization to prescribe is a tool that enables pharmacists to perform these activities optimally.

Pharmacists are obliged to comply with their legislative practice framework, which includes standards of practice and codes of ethics. Working within this framework, pharmacists take responsibility for their actions, make patient-centred decisions, work within the boundaries of their respective areas of competency, and participate in life-long learning activities.

Pharmacists work in collaborative professional environments that are conducive to the sharing of information among healthcare professionals and with patients. Such an environment encourages and enhances a culture that gives priority to patients' need to receive high-quality care and thus to achieve their individual treatment goals.

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