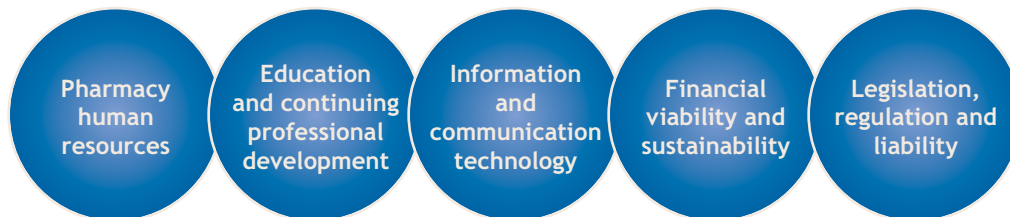


# OVERVIEW

## VISION FOR PHARMACY

Optimal drug therapy outcomes for Canadians through patient-centred care

To realize the Vision, strategic action is needed in five key areas:



The demands on the health care system today require pharmacists to focus more attention on patient-centred, outcomes-focused care to optimize the safe and effective use of medications. The **Blueprint for Pharmacy** is multi-phased collaborative initiative to strategically align pharmacy practice with the health care needs of Canadians. Through the **Blueprint for Pharmacy**, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacy owners and organizations will develop a collective **Vision for Pharmacy**, create the action plan to achieve the **Vision**...and then implement it.

The **Blueprint for Pharmacy** initiative is governed by a multi-stakeholder **Task Force on a Blueprint for Pharmacy**, whose mandate is to define a clear action plan for the future of pharmacy. Five expert **Working Groups** are assisting the **Task Force** in this area. The initiative is managed by the **Canadian Pharmacists Association**, and is funded in part by **Health Canada** and **Pfizer Canada**.

### Creating a New Vision

The crafting of a new **Vision for Pharmacy** has been a true collaborative effort among pharmacy and other health care stakeholders. In June 2007, the **Task Force** launched an **intraprofessional consultation** process to consult with over 30 national/provincial pharmacy organizations and corporate pharmacy head offices, and more than 700 individual pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and students in all practice settings. In March 2008, the **Task Force** convened six cross-Canada **interprofessional consultations**, and consulted with a total of 158 pharmacists, physicians, nurses, dentists, other health care providers and government representatives. The outcome was clear — a common **Vision** was required, and the necessary steps were refined.

### The Vision for Pharmacy

In June 2008, the **Task Force** launched the **Blueprint for Pharmacy: The Vision For Pharmacy**, a historic event in Canadian pharmacy. The **Vision for Pharmacy** describes a landscape where pharmacists practise to the full extent of their skills and knowledge to achieve optimal drug therapy outcomes for Canadians through patient-centred care. It further outlines key elements and proposed actions in five strategic areas that are required to achieve the **Vision for Pharmacy** and meet the future health care needs of the population.

### The Implementation Plan

In February 2008, the **Blueprint for Pharmacy Working Groups** began the task of elaborating the **implementation** plan to achieve the **Vision for Pharmacy**. Beginning with the proposed actions in the **Vision for Pharmacy**, the working groups are using their expertise to supply the details: Who will be the lead to take action? Who will be the partners on these actions? What will be the timelines and deliverables? In Spring 2009, the **Task Force** will begin stakeholder consultations on the **implementation** plan. The ultimate goal is a document to guide a coordinated, pan-Canadian approach to pharmacy change.

2005

- Concept paper and **Blueprint** background paper written by CPhA
- Dec: CPhA hosts Think Tank of 26 pharmacy leaders

2006

- Blueprint Framework drafted based on Dec 05 Think Tank
- Jun: Pharmacy stakeholder consensus workshop hosted by CPhA (85 individuals from 46 organizations)
- Dec: Task Force on a Blueprint for Pharmacy established to articulate a common vision and a strategic action plan for the future of pharmacy

2007

- Feb–May: Task Force meetings to strategize and draft the Vision for Pharmacy
- June: Task Force releases draft Blueprint for Pharmacy; CPhA hosts Blueprint Town Hall at Centennial Conference
- Summer: consultation with pharmacy stakeholders
- Fall: call for participation on five working groups; Task Force redrafts Blueprint for Pharmacy

### A Call To Action — Pharmacy's Commitment to Act

Pharmacy stakeholders, including organizations (associations, regulatory authorities, faculties, corporate offices and other national/provincial/territorial organizations) and individuals (pharmacists, pharmacy students, pharmacy technicians and others) are now being asked to sign a **Commitment to Act** on the Vision for Pharmacy.

Signatories to the Commitment to Act are agreeing to support changes that move the profession of pharmacy forward and to work collaboratively with the Task Force and working groups in the development of the implementation plan. Many organizations are integrating the key actions outlined in the Vision for Pharmacy in their strategic plans, while other individuals are personally changing their own day-to-day practice to be more in keeping with the Vision for Pharmacy.

Join these leaders in signing the **Commitment to Act** at [www.pharmacists.ca/commitment](http://www.pharmacists.ca/commitment).

### Fundraising

The Blueprint for Pharmacy has been generously supported by funding from Health Canada, Pfizer Canada and the Canadian Pharmacists Association. In addition, the pharmacy community has provided time, expertise and other in-kind and cash support to the initiative. Now, the Task Force on a Blueprint for Pharmacy has established a **fundraising committee** to secure additional funding for working group activities and the Blueprint for Pharmacy infrastructure.

In the spirit of the Blueprint for Pharmacy being a partnership initiative benefiting the entire pharmacy profession, the fundraising committee will be responsible for asking governments, the pharmaceutical industry pharmacy organizations, faculties and corporate pharmacy to contribute. These contributions, both in-kind time and cash, will be tracked and recognized.

2008

- Feb: working groups launched
- Feb–Dec: working groups meet, draft implementation plans
- Mar: interprofessional consultations hosted
- June: Task Force releases final Blueprint for Pharmacy: The Vision for Pharmacy at CPhA national conference
- June–Dec: individuals and organizations sign “Commitment to Act” on the Vision for Pharmacy
- Dec: fundraising committee established

2009

- Winter: working groups and task force to finalize the implementation plan
- Winter–Fall: fundraising committee to secure funding to support working groups activities and the Blueprint initiative infrastructure
- Spring: implementation plan to be released for consultation
- Summer: implementation plan to be launched; leaders and partners to undertake key actions

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- Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores
- Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns
- Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians
- Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy
- Canadian Pharmacists Association
- Canadian Pharmacy Practice Research Group
- Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists
- The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada
- National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:
  - Alberta College of Pharmacists
  - College of Pharmacists of British Columbia
  - Ontario College of Pharmacists
- Provincial pharmacy advocacy associations:
  - Ontario Pharmacists' Association
  - Pharmacists' Association of Saskatchewan
  - Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia