

APPENDIX 1B — SURVEY FOR INDIVIDUALS

Welcome

Welcome to the Blueprint for Pharmacy — Designing the Future Together e-survey. The Blueprint for Pharmacy is about you — your profession. It is a relevant action plan to assist the pharmacy profession in meeting the growing health care needs of Canadians and to respond to the changing health care landscape. For the first time in Canadian history, pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians are working to articulate a common vision and implement a coordinated plan of action.

This survey should take 10–15 minutes of your time and is divided into five sections: your concerns for pharmacy, the changing pharmacy profession, the vision for pharmacy, the profession’s readiness, and demographics.

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Thank you in advance for your time and dedication.
Dr. David Hill, Chair, Task Force on a Blueprint for Pharmacy

Section 1: Your concerns for pharmacy

The Blueprint is meant to be an action plan that will assist the pharmacy profession in dealing with current, but mostly future, health care realities. We have heard from many, but maybe not you, so let us ask this again.

1. What are your top concerns related to your personal pharmacy practice — whichever setting it may be?
 - 1.
 2. (optional)
 3. (optional)

2. What are your top concerns related to the pharmacy profession?
 - 1.
 2. (optional)
 3. (optional)

3. Do you think these concerns related to the pharmacy profession will still be at the top of your list 10–15 years from now?

Concern 1.

Yes
No
Comment (optional):

Concern 2.

Yes
No
Comment (optional):

Concern 3.

Yes
No
Comment (optional):

4. If you do not believe that any of these concerns will still be at the top of your list 10–15 years from now, what will be your concerns?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

5. The Blueprint is proposing action in five key areas: pharmacy human resources; pharmacy education and continuing professional development; information and communication technology; financial viability and sustainability; and, legislation, regulation and liability.
 - a. Do your primary concerns fall under these areas?

Yes
No
Comment:

If yes, which area(s)?

 - pharmacy human resources,
 - pharmacy education and continuing professional development
 - information and communication technology
 - financial viability and sustainability
 - legislation, regulation and liability

 - b. If you had to place these key action areas in order of importance, with 1 being most important, what would be their order?
 - pharmacy human resources
 - pharmacy education and continuing professional development
 - information and communication technology
 - financial viability and sustainability
 - legislation, regulation and liability

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Section 2: A Changing Pharmacy Profession in Canada

Based on its research, the Task Force on a Blueprint for Pharmacy has made certain assumptions regarding the anticipated changes in the health care system. Please read each statement and indicate your level of agreement.

1. Pharmacists will respond to medication use issues by spending more time managing drug therapy in collaboration with patients, caregivers, physicians and other providers.
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):
2. Pharmacists will have greater responsibility for prescribing decisions and monitoring drug therapy outcomes.
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):
3. Pharmacists will have greater authority to prescribe (e.g., initiate and modify drug therapy), to order and perform tests, and have access to relevant patient information through electronic health records (including test results, treatment indication).
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):
4. Pharmacists will play a prominent role in health promotion, disease prevention, and chronic disease management.
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):

5. The safety, security and integrity of the drug distribution system will continue to be protected through the enhanced role of regulated pharmacy technicians and greater automation of dispensing.
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):

Do not hesitate to share any comments on the assumptions made regarding the future of the pharmacy profession (e.g., missing items or unrealistic points).

Section 3: Vision for Pharmacy

The following vision statement for pharmacy is proposed: Pharmacists are medication experts committed to patient-centred, outcomes-focused care. Pharmacists take increased accountability and responsibility for the safe and effective use of medications. Pharmacists promote wellness and disease prevention, and empower patients, in collaboration with other health professionals.

7. Please read this vision statement and indicate whether you agree or disagree.
 - a. Completely agree
 - b. Partially agree
 - c. Neither agree or disagree
 - d. Partially disagree
 - e. Completely disagreeComment (optional):

Do not hesitate to share any comments on this vision statement.

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Section 4: Readiness

1. Were you aware of the Blueprint for Pharmacy prior to receiving this survey request?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Somewhat
 - c. Not really
 - d. Not at all
2. If yes or somewhat, where did hear about it?
 - a. Conference
 - b. Newsletter
 - c. Personal correspondence
 - d. Other (please specify): Other (please specify):
3. Do you see the need for a common vision and action plan for the future of the pharmacy profession?
 - a. Definitely
 - b. Maybe
 - c. Maybe or maybe not
 - d. Not really
 - e. Definitely notComment:
4. Do you think that the profession will need to change and respond to the future changes in the health care system?
 - a. Definitely
 - b. Maybe
 - c. Maybe or maybe not
 - d. Not really
 - e. Definitely notComment:
5. Do you think that a Blueprint for Pharmacy could help you deal with your primary professional concerns in the next 10–15 years?
 - a. Definitely
 - b. Maybe
 - c. Maybe or maybe not
 - d. Not really
 - e. Definitely notComment:

Section 5: Demographics

1. Which best describes your place of employment? (*CIHI Categories)
 - a. Hospital and Other Health Care Facilities*
 - b. Community Pharmacy*
 - c. Other Pharmacy*
 - d. Group Professional Practice/Clinic*

- e. Community Health Centre*
- f. Other Community-Based Pharmacist Practice*
- g. Post-Secondary Educational Institution*
- h. Association/Government/Para-Governmental*
- i. Health Related Industry/Manufacturing/Commercial*
- j. Community Pharmacy Corporate Office*
- k. Student
- l. Other

2. Which best describes your position? (*CIHI Categories)
 - a. Director of Pharmacy*
 - b. Pharmacy Owner/Manager*
 - c. Pharmacy Manager*
 - d. Institutional Leader/Coordinator*
 - e. Staff Pharmacist*
 - f. Pharmacist Consultant*
 - g. Educator*
 - h. Researcher*
 - i. Industrial Pharmacist*
 - j. Pharmacy Technician
 - k. Student
 - l. Other
3. Which best describes your practice community setting?
 - a. Urban
 - b. Suburban
 - c. Small Town
 - d. Rural setting
 - e. Northern/isolated
 - f. Not applicable
4. In which province do you currently work (or study if you are a student)?

NL	ON	BC
NS	MB	NT
NB	SK	YT
PE	AB	NU
QC		
5. For how many years have you been a practicing pharmacist?

a. student	d. 10–14	g. 25–29
b. 0–4	e. 15–19	h. 30–34
c. 5–9	f. 20–24	i. 35+
6. Gender?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female

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