



CPHA POSITION STATEMENT

Medical Marijuana

The medical marijuana landscape has changed since 2013 when CPhA first announced its position on medical marijuana dispensing by pharmacists. More patients are obtaining medical marijuana, with minimal oversight by healthcare professionals. As a result of these developments, with the health and safety of Canadians in mind, CPhA has updated its position on the role of pharmacists in dispensing and managing medical marijuana.

Based on expert consultations, third-party research, and input from our members and their patients, CPhA believes that the best way to enhance patient safety, education, and appropriate access is through pharmacist dispensing and management of medical marijuana, while promoting the use of non-smokeable products as opposed to smokeable forms.

As experts in medication management, with a vast network of existing infrastructure and proven ability to secure the supply chain, pharmacists are natural partners in the development of a patient-focused framework for dispensing and managing medical marijuana. CPhA will work with governments, patients, stakeholders and our members to ensure that the foundation of medical marijuana policies is patient safety and clinical oversight.

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