

I am pleased to hear of preliminary communication between the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) in support of the development of enhanced efforts to support pharmacy error reporting and continuous quality improvement.

Medication safety in Ontario is a priority for my ministry, and given recent tragic events that have been reported in the Ontario media, the proposed work of the ISMP and OCP is timely. I am very supportive of initiatives like this to improve transparency and safety in pharmacies.

As you know, there is no mandatory reporting for medication errors under the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, Pharmacy Act, 1991 and Drug and Pharmacy Regulations Act that govern the profession and practice of pharmacy in Ontario. It will be important that as the work of the OCP and ISMP proceeds to develop a structure for error reporting that transparency, accountability and usability of such a system is considered.

I look forward to hearing of the progress on this important work. Thank you for your continued commitment to serve and protect the public interest by ensuring pharmacists provide the public with quality pharmaceutical service and care, including the provision of safe and appropriate medications, in accordance with established standards of pharmacy practice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Hoskins", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister