

# Saskatchewan Pharmacists: What our communities are saying



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## Research Summary

Saskatchewan residents place high trust in their pharmacy professionals, and welcome the expanding role they play. Most believe that pharmacists are critical to the health care team, and that better health outcomes result when pharmacists work more closely with physicians. Moreover, Saskatchewan residents agree that expanding prescribing authorities for pharmacists would help alleviate overcrowding in emergency rooms and walk-in clinics.

- 95% expressed high comfort discussing health issues with their pharmacist
- 84% of Saskatchewan residents view pharmacists as important or critical to health care
- Nearly nine out of 10 Saskatchewan residents agree that pharmacists working in collaboration with other health care professionals results in better health outcomes
- 90% agree that allowing pharmacists to prescribe medication for minor ailments results in reduced overcrowding in emergency rooms and walk-in clinics
- 85% agree that pharmacists working more closely with doctors would reduce overall health costs
- 81% believe that patients' overall quality of life is improved with the inclusion of pharmacists as part of health care teams
- 82% consider pharmacists to be members of their health care teams
- 98% express a positive opinion of pharmacists in Saskatchewan
- Nationally, Canadians rank pharmacists third after paramedics and nurses in their opinion

Source: Data from Canada-wide CPhA Survey 2015



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