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To: Pharmacy Board Feedback

Subject: Feedback on Pharmacist Prescribing

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## Hello.

I am writing to you as an Early Career Pharmacist. I am well aware of the current battle ongoing between PSA and RACGP regarding pharmacists prescribing. I know that the AMA and RACGP fully support pharmacists embedded within GP clinics and I have a suggestion on pharmacists prescribing within this clinical setting.

The model I would propose is this:

The patient will see their GP as normal and the doctor will clinically assess the patient, take a full thorough medical/medication history/examination and form a diagnosis, then they will recommend and work with the patient a potential treatment plan and if they think a medicine is warranted then the GP will refer them to the pharmacist working within the GP clinic. The pharmacist will then assess the patient based on clinical information (such as lab results, medication history, past medical history, etc) and will make a decision to prescribe and initiate pharmacotherapy. From here the pharmacist, doctor and patient can all work together so the patient is better informed and educated on their treatment plan and options.

What would be your opinion on this proposed model to embed pharmacist within GP clinics and have prescribing rights in this setting?

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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