

MANDATE / OBJECTIVES

- To advise and guide the OPA staff on matters related to eHealth, health informatics, and professional pharmacy management system issues.
- To assist the relevant committees, working groups, task forces, and staff in understanding the evolving nature of current and new health technologies in Ontario and by so doing, help move the profession forward for the benefit of its members.
- To ensure that the interests of pharmacy professionals and the business of pharmacy, including the profession's full scope of practice, are recognized, preserved, and leveraged in the implementation of Ontario's eHealth strategy, for example, in the implementation of the provincial clinical viewers, Digital Health Drug Repository (DHDR) and rollout of electronic prescribing solutions and other digital health assets.
- To ensure that all eHealth-related initiatives support the evolving role of pharmacy professionals with full recognition and adherence to standards of professional practice and to support both patient care and timely access to care.
- To ensure that patient safety is always considered during the development and implementation of Pharmacy Practice Management Systems (PPMS).

COMPOSITION

Co-Chairs: Member representative and CEO

Members: All major Pharmacy Practice Management System Software Vendors operating in Ontario

Staff Support: As determined by the CEO

Guests: Expertise as determined by the Task Force

Quorum: 50% plus 1 working group member

LENGTH OF TERM

Annual (Board year)

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings to be held as needed on an ad hoc basis as determined by the Co-Chairs.

GOVERNANCE/REPORTING/STRUCTURE:

As with all non-Board committees and working groups, the SVWG will provide its advice and recommendations to OPA staff to assist them in supporting the work of the Association.