

## **OPMPP Study FAQs for Pharmacists**

### **1. What is the purpose of this research project?**

This research project aims to implement and evaluate an opioid and pain management program in Ontario community pharmacies. The goal is to demonstrate the program's feasible application of a medication consultation service focused on appropriate prescribing and dispensing of opioids, as well as their safe and appropriate use in chronic non-cancer pain patients.

### **2. Who can participate in this study?**

Only pharmacists providing services from an approved Ontario community pharmacy are eligible to participate. The application period for pharmacies to participate is now closed. If you're unsure about your pharmacy's eligibility, please consult your pharmacy owner/designated manager. If your pharmacy was approved to participate and you would like to add a pharmacist member from your pharmacy to the study, please contact [opmpp@opatoday.com](mailto:opmpp@opatoday.com).

### **3. What are the requirements for participation?**

Participating pharmacists are required to complete a free, accredited online continuing education program developed by OPA and attend an online webinar hosted by OPA, which can be found here: <https://www.opatoday.com/product/chronic-non-cancer-pain-management/> and <https://www.opatoday.com/opmpp-study/>.

### **4. What does the medication consultation involve?**

The medication consultation consists of an initial consult and up to two follow-ups per patient. The initial consult involves collecting the patient's medical history, identifying drug therapy problems, setting therapy goals, and devising an action plan. Follow-up appointments allow for reassessment and potential adjustments to the therapy plan.

### **5. How many patients are pharmacists required to recruit?**

Pharmacists are encouraged to recruit a target of 10 patients over a period of 6 months to complete the medication consultation intervention.

### **6. How is data collected and handled?**

Data collected during the study will be de-identified before analysis and securely stored for a minimum of 7 years. Any payments to the pharmacy will be handled separately and not linked to study data.

### **7. What are the risks and benefits of participation?**

Participation may enhance knowledge about opioid management and support for chronic pain patients. Pharmacists can earn continuing education credits and potentially improve patient health outcomes. Financial compensation is provided for consultations conducted.

**8. What ethical considerations are in place?**

This study has received ethics clearance through the University of Waterloo Research Ethics Board. Participants' confidentiality and data security are prioritized throughout the study.

**9. How can I withdraw from the study?**

Participants can withdraw at any time by contacting the research team. Requests for data removal can be made until the publication of study results in March 2025.

**10. Who can I contact for more information or questions?**

For questions about the project, contact us at [opmpp@opatoday.com](mailto:opmpp@opatoday.com).