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Dear Colleagues,

Department of Health and Social Care consultation on pharmacy technicians and Patient Group Directions

We are writing to ask you to take part in the **Department of Health and Social Care's consultation on pharmacy technicians and Patient Group Directions (PGDs)**.

PGDs allow healthcare professionals to supply and administer specified medicines to predefined groups of patients without a prescription. We believe the government's proposed addition of pharmacy technicians to the list of healthcare professionals able to work under a PGD is a positive step forward.

Creating the opportunity for pharmacy technicians to work under PGDs will help ensure that community pharmacy teams have the right mix of skills to meet local community health needs and free up capacity in the wider NHS. It also allows pharmacy technicians in other clinical settings, including hospitals, to maximise the contribution they make to healthcare.

Pharmacy technicians are a recognised and regulated healthcare profession, and we should maximise the use of their valuable skills. The ability to work under relevant PGDs would have significant benefits for patient care and the wider NHS team. This is part of a suite of proposed reforms to enable pharmacists to become independent prescribers and enhance access to clinical services for patients.



Broadening the clinical role of pharmacy technicians will also make the most of their potential as registered healthcare professionals by utilising their skills and training, giving them a more fulfilling career and benefitting their wider team and the NHS.

We will be hosting a webinar in September where you can find out more and discuss these topics further. Please look out for information about this on **Twitter** and **LinkedIn**.

You can access the consultation here.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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