

# Wilfred “Wilf” Steer

## Pharmacist

I am writing to ask for your support for re-election to the board of the Ontario College of Pharmacists.

Over the past three years, I am proud to have participated in the origination of our new zero-tolerance policy for practices which impede your ability to provide safe care. This is a beginning that will require ongoing commitment. So too, will our promise of higher standards for timeliness and clarity of communication and service. Our professional scope and the world in which it is practiced have grown far outside the college’s historical roots, and we are adapting.

I have practiced in tertiary hospital, community, and specialty oncology pharmacy practice in Northern Ontario and have been privileged to teach students from the University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. I have also been fortunate enough to earn an MBA along the way, and serve as director for several groups, including a local residential substance abuse recovery program. Most recently, I have had the great privilege of serving the College for the last three years as a member of the board, Finance and Audit, and Discipline committees.

These experiences position me well to see the perspectives of many different practitioners. More importantly, they position me to acknowledge and manage our relationships with the many groups outside of our registrants which influence our practice.

We will need to work with partners outside the profession to ensure that the places where we work, the frontline places where care is delivered, are safe places offering hope and compassion to those who need it and where practitioners can thrive to deliver that care. I am encouraged by our recent steps, but the challenge still looms large.

I hope you will offer me a chance to continue what we have started.

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