



NEWS RELEASE

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Toronto, Canada - Today the Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) has begun a new chapter in our national mandate to improve medication safety in all healthcare settings. I'm pleased to announce that Carolyn Hoffman RN, MN has accepted the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). She begins in this role on August 27, 2018.

Carolyn is a nationally recognized senior healthcare leader and author with extensive experience in advancing patient safety. Her career spans almost four decades and includes working at the bedside, in nursing education, at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, Canadian Patient Safety Institute and leading the Quality & Healthcare Improvement Division for Alberta Health Services. She is currently the Executive Director & Registrar of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association.

Carolyn was recruited through a national search following the retirement announcement of our current President and CEO, David U, RPh, MScPhm. In late 1999, David—together with Michael Cohen of ISMP (United States)—founded ISMP Canada. His visionary leadership and expertise have been instrumental in establishing ISMP Canada as the go-to experts for analyzing medication incidents, making recommendations for the prevention of harm related to medicines, and facilitating quality improvement initiatives. David has agreed to continue on in an advisory role to Carolyn during the transition period.

The Board looks forward to working with Carolyn, the staff and our healthcare partners to attain our vision of zero preventable harm.

Please join me in welcoming Carolyn to ISMP Canada.

Dr. Robert Byrick, Chair, ISMP Canada Board

The **Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada)** is an independent national not-for-profit organization committed to the advancement of medication safety in all healthcare settings. ISMP Canada works collaboratively with the healthcare community, regulatory agencies and policy makers, provincial, national and international patient safety organizations, the pharmaceutical industry and the public to promote safe medication practices. ISMP Canada's mandate includes analyzing medication incidents, making recommendations for the prevention of harmful medication incidents, and facilitating quality improvement initiatives.

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