



Canadian Foundation  
for Pharmacy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **2018 Innovation Fund contributes to practice change for better patient care**

TORONTO, October 31, 2018 – The Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy (CFP) is proud to be part of **Prescription to Thrive**, a far-reaching demonstration project that seeks to establish a model for practice change in community pharmacy, to enable the provision of enhanced patient care.

CFP has contributed \$25,000 to the project from its **Innovation Fund**. Other funders include the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia (PANS), which is leading the project with an independent research firm, the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness, the Canadian Pharmacists Association, the Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada and the participating pharmacies in Nova Scotia. Total funding is expected to reach \$475,000.

An expert pharmacist facilitator is working with pharmacy staff to address multiple factors that affect the provision of patient care services, such as workflow efficiencies, professional competency, readiness for change, financial impact and integration of pharmacy technicians. At the end of the 18-month project, participating pharmacies will also have an annual business planning process in place to support the continued financial viability of the pharmacy as well as ongoing improvements in patient outcomes.

The project will be completed in two phases. Phase one, with four pharmacies operating under single ownership, is scheduled for completion in October 2019. Phase two, with up to four independently owned pharmacies, is expected to finish early in 2020. The final evaluation will include findings from interviews with patients and pharmacy staff.

“We envision a future whereby community pharmacy teams will have the right technology, education, training and role definition to ensure efficiency in both their drug distribution tasks as well as their patient-centered, non-dispensing services,” wrote Lisa Woodill, Director of Pharmacy Practice at PANS, in her application to CFP’s Innovation Fund.

The Prescription to Thrive project is one of four funded by CFP’s **Innovation Fund** this year. Through the **Innovation Fund**, CFP supports projects and research that facilitate the evolving role of the pharmacist and seek to advance the profession of pharmacy. The Foundation has contributed more than \$1 million to this cause since 2006.

For more information about the Innovation Fund and this year’s grant recipients contact:

Dayle Acorn  
Executive Director,  
Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy

[www.cfpnet.ca](http://www.cfpnet.ca)  
905.997.3238  
[dacorn@cfpnt.ca](mailto:dacorn@cfpnt.ca)