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Focus on digital/online pharmacy

Dr. Zubin Austin



Zubin Austin (BScPhm MBA MISc PhD FCAHS) is Professor and Murray Koffler Chair in Management at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy and cross-appointed at the Institute for Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the Faculty of Medicine.

His research focuses on the professional and personal development of the health workforce, with a particular interest in internationally educated health professionals. He uses qualitative methods to examine issues of professional identity formation and its influence on competency, professional practice, and engagement in the workforce. He has pioneered the use of novel methods in examining questions related to workforce development and continuous professional development, and their impact on the quality of patient care. He has served as an external consultant to, and written commissioned reports on health workforce development for the Government of Canada, the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, the Health and Care Professions Council of the United Kingdom, the Supreme Council of Health of the Government of Qatar, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and other international governments and agencies.

Joelle Walker



Joelle Walker is the Vice-President of Public Affairs for the Canadian Pharmacists Association. In this role, Joelle leads the Association's advocacy initiatives with key decision makers and stakeholders by increasing the profile and reputation of the profession and advancing specific public policy issues affecting the profession.

Joelle has over 10 years of advocacy experience in law, government relations and communications, previously working on the Canadian Cancer Society's national advocacy agenda. Joelle has a Bachelor of Political Science degree and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Ottawa.



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Mike Jaczko

Mike Jaczko is a Partner and Portfolio Manager with KJ Harrison, a Toronto-based private investment firm. He provides discretionary investment management and strategic advice to high net-worth individuals and their families, including pharmacy owners. Mike has 30+ years of mergers and acquisitions experience in the Canadian retail pharmacy industry, and 20 years of experience in Canadian wealth management industry.

He is a trusted advisor to pharmacy owners and advises on broader issues of wealth management. Mike is a pharmacist and a past pharmacy owner.



Mike Sullivan

Mike Sullivan is Cubic Health's CEO and Co-Founder. Cubic provides plan analytics, predictive analytics, clinically driven plan management solutions and machine learning as a service to the employee benefits industry.

Mike began his career as a community pharmacist and has previous experience working in both the pharmaceutical and benefits consulting industries. He is a member of Benefits Canada's Online Expert Panel and serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto.

Mike graduated from the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan, where he was honoured with a Centennial Alumni of Influence Award. He has Master of Business Administration degree from York University, where he specialized in Finance.



Andy Donald

Andy Donald is a pharmacist and certified geriatric pharmacist. He practices at the Health Depot Pharmacy in London, Ontario, where he is the CEO and owner. On top of his BScPhm, Andy holds a BPHED, a BScH in Life Science and an MSc Cellular Biology and Anatomy.

Patient care has always been Andy's number one priority. As a student, he founded SOAPE (Students for Optimizing and Advocating Pharmacy Endeavours) to advocate for pharmacists' role in patient care. He continued this advocacy as a member of the Ontario Pharmacists Association membership committee from 2017 to 2018. After nearly a decade in the field, Andy has observed that the best outcomes for patients are achieved when pharmacists go beyond the role of "pill checker." The profession deserves a revolution, and Andy believes this change will largely come from adopting innovative technology.

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Fabio De Rango

Fabio De Rango graduated from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto in 1999. After graduation he joined Shoppers Drug Mart as a staff pharmacist and acquired his first store in 2002. He now owns and operates two locations in Oakville.

Fabio's passion is in diabetes and he is a Certified Diabetes Educator. Fabio believes that the accessibility and role of the pharmacist in the healthcare system are a unique advantage for retail pharmacy, which as a result is obligated to help in the screening of diabetes, prevention of diabetes and in the management of those suffering from diabetes.

Currently, Fabio offers an A1C screening program, atrial fibrillation screening program, pharmacogenomics screening program, cholesterol screening Program, strep throat screening program, insulin start-up program, Health Tab screening program, and weekly diabetes and nutrition clinics at his locations.



Sean Simpson

Sean Simpson is a pharmacist and owner of Simpson's Pharmacies in Niagara on the Lake. A third-generation pharmacist, Sean graduated from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto in 2006 and also has an honours degree in chemistry and biochemistry from Western University. In 2015, he completed a Fellowship in Nutritional and Metabolic Medicine with the Metabolic Medicine Institute affiliated with the University of South Florida School of Medicine.

Sean was Chair of the Ontario Pharmacists Association from 2015 to 2017 and a director with the Canadian Pharmacists Association from 2018 to 2020. He is an active member of the board of the United Way of Niagara, also having served as campaign chair and helping with the successful amalgamation of three United Ways in Niagara.