

## Media Release

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### Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan Appoints Michael Fougere as New CEO

The Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan (PAS) is pleased to announce the appointment of the organization's incoming CEO.

Michael Fougere has taken on the role of PAS CEO, effective November 15, 2021. Michael's experience and expertise will play an important role in advancing both the Association and the role of pharmacy within the health care sector.

"We are extremely pleased to have someone with Michael's experience and expertise leading this important health provider advocacy organization," said Monique Zwack, PAS Board Chair. "We look forward to the work Michael will undertake in helping to advance the critical role of pharmacy in our health sector."

The former president of the Saskatchewan Construction Association (SCA), business development and investment attraction executive with the provincial government, and former Mayor of Regina, Michael brings extensive experience to PAS in leadership positions both in the public and private sector. He also brings a wealth of expertise in governance, government relations, and advocacy.

"I am very excited about the work being done by this organization in advancing access to important health services, and I look forward to the work I will be doing with PAS to further develop this process," said Michael Fougere, CEO, PAS.

Michael has a Master of Science (Econ.) from The London School of Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) St. Francis Xavier University.

#### **Background:**

As widely available members of Saskatchewan's health care team, pharmacists provide a range of health care services to patients.

Pharmacists are able to prescribe for a range of ailments including skin infections, bladder infections, headaches, hemorrhoids and birth control, among many others. They can assess medications, provide counselling for chronic disease management such as diabetes, asthma, and hypertension, smoking cessation, and addictions management. They also can administer a range of vaccinations including those for COVID, travel, shingles, pneumonia, and others.

Pharmacists with "Vaccine Preventable Disease" training can assess a client's vaccination status and prescribe/administer most of the vaccines that the client requires. Pharmacists are also able to administer other injectable medications such as Depo-Provera (injectable birth control), Vitamin B12 and various injectable treatments used for psychiatric patients.

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