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Mayor Dilanni and Members of Hamilton, City Council

The profession of pharmacy in Hamilton and the rest of Ontario has joined together to educate the public about the important role pharmacists play in patient-centered health care, including, counseling patients about drug and health management, reducing medication errors, and leading to provide clinical and chronic disease management.

Many pharmacists also provide specialized services for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, dyslipidemia, hypertension and cholesterol management, and health promotion and patient counseling for smoking cessation and seniors' safe medication use.

The role of pharmacists continue to evolve in health care and become more integrated with the delivery of total patient care.

We would like to bring to your attention Mr. Mayor and Members of Council, that the week of March 6 – 12 is recognized as Pharmacy Awareness Week in the City of Hamilton. This week recognizes the importance of pharmacists in our evolving healthcare system and their positive impact on the lives of our citizens each and every day.

Regards,

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