



## **Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada A Message from the President**

As the current President of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC), I am pleased to provide you with this Information Kit, which has been developed by the Board's Public Relations Committee as part of an overall communications strategy to generate and enhance awareness of PEBC among its key audiences.

The Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada has nearly 60 years of experience providing excellence in certification for the pharmacy profession. This involves evaluating qualifications, developing and administering examinations including a national Pharmacist Qualifying Examination, and issuing Certificates of Qualification for Pharmacists. The comprehensive certification processes administered by PEBC ensure the quality of pharmacists entering practice, and are a vital component in the delivery of safe and effective health care to Canadians.

Throughout its history, PEBC has established a strong record in the research, development and provision of fair, comprehensive and relevant competency-based assessment programs. A significant milestone was the implementation, in 2001, of a performance-based component (Objective Structured Clinical Examination – OSCE) to complement the written component of the Qualifying Examination.

The Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination was developed in 2009 by PEBC to provide certification of pharmacy technicians for the purposes of licensure and regulation. This examination includes both a computer-based multiple-choice examination and a performance-based examination. PEBC is proud to have worked collaboratively with key stakeholders in this endeavour, including NAPRA and provincial regulatory authorities.

In November 2017, PEBC launched its first Computer-based Test (CBT), with the Pharmacist Qualifying Examination - Part I (MCQ), fulfilling a key objective of a long-established strategic goal of incorporating technology into PEBC's certification processes.

In June 2019, PEBC launched the first CBT Evaluating Examination, and in September 2020, PEBC transitioned its final MCQ Exam to CBT for the Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination – Part I.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic required PEBC to develop new contingencies to move forward with the safe administration of its exams. PEBC pivoted to remote proctoring for its MCQ exams, allowing candidates to take the exam safely from their own homes. The pandemic presented many challenges to the 2020-2022 scheduled examinations; however, PEBC was able to successfully deliver its examinations during Covid-19.

This Information Kit is intended to provide an overview of PEBC, its role, its programs, and its leadership. We invite you to review the materials included in this kit and to visit the PEBC website at [www.pebc.ca](http://www.pebc.ca). You are encouraged to respond with your feedback and comments on the enclosed questionnaire. Your input is valuable and will enable us to serve you better.

Terri Schindel, PhD., BSc. Pharm., R. PEBC  
President



**Profile**  
**John Pugsley, B.Sc. Pharm., R. Ph., Pharm. D.**  
**Registrar-Treasurer**

John Pugsley is the appointed Registrar-Treasurer of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. He has served since 1995 as PEBC's Chief Operating Officer, overseeing and managing office and Board operations. He represented PEBC on the Blueprint for Pharmacy Steering Committee from 2010-2015.

Dr. Pugsley previously was a member of the Leslie A. Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto from 1986-1995. He served as the Faculty Clinical Coordinator for fourth year undergraduate students. In addition, during his academic stay at the University of Toronto, he served as Chair of the Curriculum Committee for a five year period, playing a vital role in the establishment of the Pharm. D program, as well as in the development and introduction of a communications skills course and a language proficiency support program. During this period, he conducted clinical research in the area of respiratory diseases.

Dr. Pugsley is a member of the Ontario College of Pharmacists, the Canadian Pharmacists Association, the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada, the Canadian Pharmacy Technician Educators Association and the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians. In 2015, Dr. Pugsley was a recipient of the Canadian Pharmacists Association Honorary Life Award.

Dr. Pugsley graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto, and subsequently completed a hospital pharmacy residency at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He subsequently earned his Pharm. D. (Doctor of Pharmacy) degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston.



**Profile**  
**Terri Schindel, PhD., B.Sc. Pharm., R. PEBC**  
**President**

Terri Schindel is President of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. She has served as a member of the Board since 2018 representing the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Terri previously served as Chair of the Committee on Examinations and the Committee on Specialties.

Terri graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. She subsequently completed a pharmacy residency program from the Saskatoon City Hospital. More recently, in 2018, Terri earned a PhD from the University of Alberta.

Over the past twenty years, Terri has been working at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta. She began in the role of Director, Continuing Pharmacy Education, and for the past eleven years, she has held the position of Associate Clinical Professor. She served as Associate Dean, Undergraduate from 2010-2016.

Terri has also served on many Pharmacy committees and boards, including the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Foundation, Curriculum Committee (Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences), National Leadership and Management Task Force (CSHP), Continuing Competence Committee (Alberta College of Pharmacists and Canadian Council for Continuing Education in Pharmacy).



**Profile**  
**Suzanne Len, B.Sc. Pharm., R. PEBC**  
**Immediate Past-President**

Suzanne Len is the Immediate Past President of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. She has served as a member of the Board since 2018 representing the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals. She also currently serves as a member of the Committee on Examinations and the Finance Committee, which she chaired from 2020 to 2021. Suzanne has previously served as a member of the By-Laws Committee and the Committee on Specialties.

Suzanne graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy. She subsequently completed a pharmacy residency program from the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Suzanne is also certified with Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) in Critical Care and she received her Doctor of Pharmacy designation from the University of Colorado in 2020. Suzanne is currently a Clinical Support Pharmacist within the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

In 2018 Suzanne received a Past President Award from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Saskatchewan Branch. She also received the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Pharmacist of the Year Award and the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Pharmacist Preceptor of the Year Award in 2014 and 2013 respectively.



**Profile**  
**Harriet Davies, B.Sc. Pharm., R. PEBC**  
**Vice-President**

Harriet Davies is Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. She has served as a member of the Board since 2019 representing the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada. She also currently serves as Chair of the Committee on Examinations and as a member of the By-Laws Committee. Harriet has previously served on the Public Relations Committee.

Harriet earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Acadia University, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from Dalhousie University. In 2011, Harriet earned a Master of Education degree from Acadia University.

Harriet is currently working as Coordinator of Clinical Education & Regional Residency Coordinator at the College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. Harriet has previously worked as a Pharmacist at various pharmacies in Ontario and Nova Scotia, and since 2015 she has been employed as a Pharmacist at Dalhousie School of Social Work Community Clinic. Since 2004, Harriet has been involved with the Canadian Diabetes Educator Certification Board as a Certified Diabetes Educator.

Harriet has held leadership positions in other professional organizations, including serving as Member and Chair, NSCP Hearing Committee since 2014, and as a Board Member of The Metropolitan Dispensary Society, Halifax, NS, since 2016. She also previously served on Pharmacy Experiential Education Programs Canada (PEPC), AFPC as National Co-Chair from 2009-2011 and as National Chair from 2013-2015.



**Profile**  
**Dale Cooney, B.Sc. Pharm., R. PEBC**  
**Executive Member**

Dale Cooney is a member of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. He has served as a member of the Board since 2021 representing the Alberta College of Pharmacy. Dale also currently serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and is member of the By-Laws Committee.

Dale earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from The University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Business Administration degree from The Athabasca University.

Dale worked for two years as a community pharmacist before beginning a career in hospital pharmacy in 1989. He held leadership positions at hospitals throughout Alberta until 2004, when Dale became the Deputy Registrar of the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP).

In 2017 Dale left ACP to begin a practice as an Executive Coach and consultant. In addition to individual coaching engagements Dale's work has included facilitation of strategic planning, board development and team building for organizations and governing boards in various sectors including health regulators.



**Profile**  
**Gabriella Wong, B.Sc. Pharm., R. PEBC**  
**Executive Member**

Gabriella Wong is a member of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. She has served as a member of the Board since 2020 representing the College of Pharmacy of British Columbia. She also currently serves as Chair of the By-Laws Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. Gabriella has previously served on the Committee on Examinations.

Gabriella earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from The University of British Columbia and is currently pursuing a Master of Health Administration (MHA).

Since 2018, Gabriella has worked as a Lecturer and Coordinator at The University of British Columbia Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Office of Experiential Education.

Gabriella is also involved in professional and community organizations as a Faculty Member of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC), Discipline Committee Member - College of Pharmacists of British Columbia (CPBC) and Steering Committee Member, Pharmacy Leaders of Tomorrow (PLoT).