

The Hypertension Canada Professional Certification Program Improves Patient Care

The Hypertension Canada Professional Certification Program (HC-PCP) is the only dedicated certification program for pharmacists in Canada. We designed it to improve uptake of guidelines into practice and then tested the HC-PCP in a stepped wedge randomized trial.



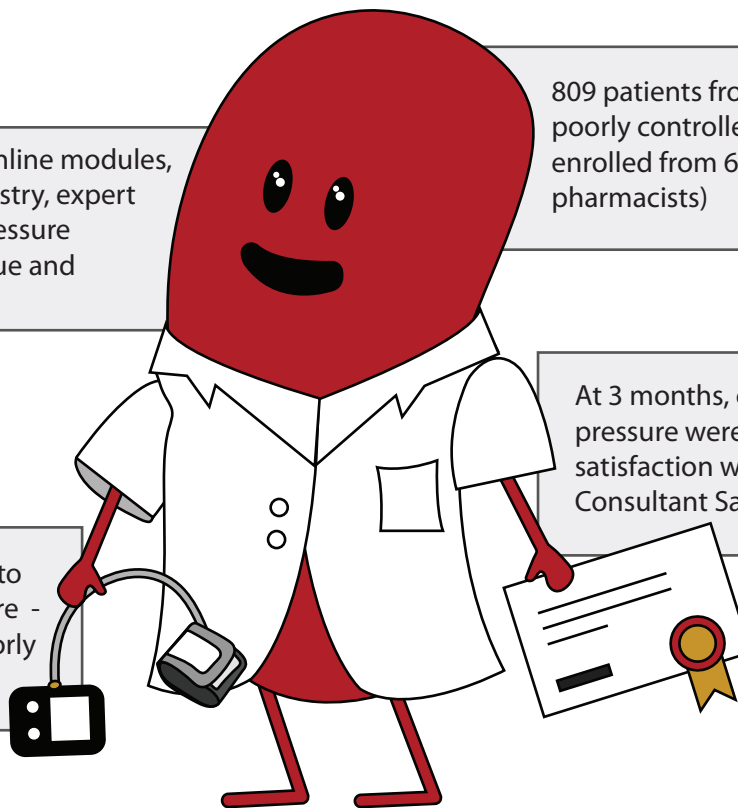
HC-PCP consists of 4 online modules, a real-time patient registry, expert evaluation of blood pressure measurement technique and case management

809 patients from across Alberta with poorly controlled hypertension were enrolled from 61 pharmacies (104 pharmacists)



We randomly assigned pharmacists to take the HC-PCP or provide usual care - they then enrolled patients with poorly controlled hypertension.

At 3 months, changes in blood pressure were evaluated and patient satisfaction was recorded using the Consultant Satisfaction Questionnaire



The Hypertension Canada Professional Certification Program, taken by pharmacists, led to a 5.5mmHg greater reduction in blood pressure and high patient satisfaction

Click here to learn more about the RxPath study on the PCP program that was presented at the International Society of Hypertension conference in October 2022.

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