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Re: Let Ontario nurses prescribe basic drugs, October 15, 2013

Imagine if your home care nurse could prescribe a new medication on the spot for your leg ulcer or if a nurse in the ER could independently order x-rays and blood work for you. Think how much more quickly you'd be on the road to recovery.

The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) agrees with Doris Grinspun, CEO of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, that if RNs had this authority our health-care system would be more efficient and cost effective. It's a topic that's being discussed right across the country. CNA's independent National Expert Commission called for an overhaul of how nurses are being deployed and employed in health care. CNA is now working with key stakeholders to develop ways to support each province and territory as they consider making independent RN prescribing a reality. It's all part of our effort to bring Canadians better access to health-care services.

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