

## **Abstract**

### *Introduction:*

Since 2020, pharmacists in Illinois have been granted a handful of prescribing rights. While being a legal prescriber should theoretically increase our role as healthcare providers, I do not believe all pharmacist and student pharmacists see this as a good thing.

### *Objective:*

The objective of this survey was to gauge how pharmacist and student pharmacist felt about the new right, whether they believed they were being trained adequately, have the resources given to them, have insurances accepted them as prescribers, and what they thought the public's feelings are about these new rights.

### *Methods:*

I conducted an anonymous survey, where I asked participants to answer a few questions about what their status was in the pharmacy profession. Inclusion criteria where participants must be licensed to work in an Illinois pharmacy and be a pharmacist/Student Pharmacist. Then I asked them questions using a 1-strongly disagree to 5-strongly agree scale. Lastly, I asked them to describe their feelings about the new rights in their own words.

### *Results:*

A total of 64 participants started my survey, but only 54 were included in the final analysis due to not meeting inclusion criteria or they did not complete the survey. In this survey I found that most respondents believe that these rights are beneficial to our profession (mean score of 4.07 out of 5) and will allow us to become a larger part in health care (mean score of 4.28) But that companies are giving out mediocre training (mean score of 3.39), and that the respondents do not feel like they are getting the resources needed (mean score of 2.48), respondents neither felt positive or negative about their knowledge and ability to prescribe (mean score of 2.98). when it came to how participants felt about the public was that they would potentially come to a pharmacist if in need of prescriptions (means score of 3.78), but that the general public is unaware that we can prescribe medications (mean score of 1.69)

### *Conclusion:*

From this survey I think I was correct in my initial hypothesis that not all pharmacists see prescribing right as a good thing for our profession. Most participants were optimistic about what these new rights will afford our profession but are hesitant due to a lack of training and resources.

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