pharmacists will continue to play the role of target shooters versus evidence-based practitioners. ■

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Reply from authors

WE THANK YOU FOR READING OUR PHARMACISTS' UPDATE OF the 2017 Hypertension Canada Guidelines.¹ Our article was a synopsis of the updates to the guidelines—we referred readers to the full guidelines for more information.² Indeed, patient values, preferences and clinical factors, as well as health behaviour recommendations, are covered in the full guidelines document.²

Guidelines are meant to summarize the best available evidence (a prerequisite for an unbiased discussion with patients). They also presume a certain level of clinical expertise from those who apply them. Incorporating evidence into clinical care is often a nuanced

process. When considering any guideline, readers are reminded to judiciously integrate the best evidence with clinical experience and patient values to deliver the highest-quality care possible.³ ■

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