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Dear CAPDM Members, Registered Delegates and Speakers

The pivotal events surrounding COVID-19 this past week made it abundantly clear that cancellation of the 2020 Annual Conference in Nashville was our only course of action to protect the health and safety of our member delegates, guests, speakers, staff, our families, and the many people that surround us in our daily lives.

As you know, we conduct our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in concert with the Annual Conference. As we are still required to hold this meeting, we are currently reviewing dates and formats to conduct our AGM in a virtual environment in early May. We will update you on this matter shortly.

As well, you will hear from us in the days ahead on how we will process your registration refunds, based on working through our financial exposure and committed expenses.

Our next full Annual Conference will be held in 2021. The location will be a decision undertaken by our member-led 2021 Planning Committee. As a side note, earlier today we thanked our Nashville Planning Committee led by Kristen Knott for their tireless work in producing an outstanding program. I know they feel enormous disappointment at not being able to realize their vision.

We have rapidly entered uncharted territory with new and continually expanding guidance from health organizations and governments as this pandemic takes its course. You, our members, are essential to the delivery of healthcare in Canada. We are proud of your efforts and diligence behind the scenes under these extraordinary circumstances. Your efforts will help to stabilize and keep the pharmacy supply chain fluid so that all Canadians continue to receive the medications they need.

I trust that we will all do our part in helping to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

We will keep you apprised of new developments.

Stay healthy and safe, for your sake and those around you.

Sincerely,

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