

ISMP Canada Appoints Three New Members to its Board of Directors

New Board members bring expertise in financial governance, digital health, and organizational leadership to advance ISMP Canada's mission of zero preventable harm from medications

TORONTO, ON September 8, 2026: The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) today announced the appointment of three new members to its Board of Directors: Bupe Chibwata-Katebe, Rowan Sarty, and Catherine Wood. The new directors bring extensive experience in financial governance, digital health and data governance, and board leadership that will strengthen ISMP Canada's ability to advance medication safety across the country.

"On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to welcome Bupe, Rowan, and Catherine to ISMP Canada," said Trevor Hall, Chair of ISMP Canada's Board of Directors. "Each of them brings a distinct and valuable perspective, in financial governance, digital health, and organizational leadership, which will strengthen our ability to deliver on our mission of zero preventable harm from medications. I look forward to working with them as we continue to build ISMP Canada's leadership in patient safety."

About the New Directors



Bupe Chibwata-Katebe, PMP, Prosci Change Practitioner, MCPM, PCP-CPA

"I am honored to serve on the ISMP Canada Board and contribute to an organization dedicated to advancing medication safety and improving patient care across Canada," said Chibwata-Katebe. "I bring extensive experience at the intersection of healthcare, financial governance, and system transformation, with a career grounded in strong leadership, strategic thinking, and responsible stewardship. I am inspired by ISMP Canada's dedication to building safer healthcare systems and look forward to contributing my expertise in finance, governance, and strategic leadership while working alongside fellow Board members to support the organization's mission and advance safer care for all Canadians."



Rowan Sarty, BSc (Pharm)

Sarty spent 10 years in community pharmacy before transitioning to the public sector and has spent the past five years leading digital health and health data initiatives in Nova Scotia, currently serving as Acting Director, Digital Health Solutions, with the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness.

"Patient safety and continuous improvement have been central to my career," said Sarty. "My clinical pharmacy experience has shown me the real impact of medication-related harm, and I am passionate about advancing safer systems of care. I also hope to contribute my experience

with health data governance and digital health systems to support ISMP Canada’s mission and improve medication safety across Canada.”



Catherine Wood, MBA, MSt., ICD.D

“I have had the privilege of working closely in a volunteer capacity within the healthcare sector for over a decade,” said Wood. “No harm from medications is an imperative, and our ability to deliver reliable information and insights of the highest quality is a must; this is the role of ISMP Canada.”

Wood pointed to ISMP Canada's mandate to adapt and deliver amid growing complexity and rapid advancements in the field, drawing on direct experience in governance and management roles across the health care sector. “I am encouraged by the vision of the new leadership and their ability to not only advance the mandate but create a long-term, sustainable ISMP Canada,” Wood said. “I look forward to being part of the Board.”

About ISMP Canada

ISMP Canada is an independent pan-Canadian not-for-profit organization committed to the advancement of medication safety in all health care settings. ISMP Canada is working toward the vision of zero preventable harm from medications.

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