



Medication Prescribing by Pharmacists: **Contributing to Global Evidence Base**



**Dr. Zachariah Nazar, Assistant
Professor of Clinical Pharmacy and
Practice,**

College of Pharmacy, QU Health - Qatar University



**Prof. Derek Stewart, Professor
of Clinical Pharmacy and Practice,**

In this article, Prof. Derek Stewart and Dr. Zachariah Nazar of the College of Pharmacy at Qatar University describe how research is informing the development of the practice of pharmacy across the world and specifically within Qatar.

Over the last two decades, there have been significant developments in the practice of pharmacy across the world. This practice has developed from what was traditionally viewed as being product and supply focused, to a more clinical, patient and person focused approach. While prescribing of medicines has traditionally been restricted to doctors, rapid advancements in healthcare policies and practices have led to the introduction of pharmacists prescribing medicines in several countries including the UK, USA, Canada and New Zealand. A number of other countries, including Qatar, are exploring the potential for expanding the work of pharmacists to include prescribing of medicines.