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Mississauga pharmacist honoured by her peers

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The Ontario Pharmacists Association is honouring Nancy Simonot with the 2014 Achievement in Specialized Practice Award.

Mississauga pharmacist Nancy Simonot has been named the 2014 Achievement in Specialized Practice Award winner by the Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA).

The award is presented to a pharmacist who has successfully expanded their practice through the introduction of specialized services which meet the specific needs of their patient population, and will be presented at the Association's annual conference in Niagara Falls on Saturday.

In 2011, after 20 years of working in community and independent pharmacies, Simonot opened NKS Health, a specialty pharmaceutical services company focusing on infused injectable and biologic medications.

Today, she is among a select group of pharmacists in Ontario specializing in biologics.

In addition to providing expert training on biologics, Simonot's team, which includes pharmacists, social workers, occupational therapists and registered dietitians, offers guidance on infused and injected medications, HIV/hepatitis medication management, and disease state management and awareness.

Simonot has also grown NKS Health into the largest dispensing pharmacy in Canada for Botox therapeutics.

"When I first opened an injection pharmacy and sales were slow, I had colleagues try to dissuade me from wasting my time and

money, and to return to mainstream pharmacy," says Simonot. "But I believed in the concept and persevered and cannot imagine doing anything else now."

Simonot is passionate about community

involvement and demonstrates that passion through community talks and by sponsoring and volunteering for a variety of local events, including the Arthritis Walk, Robbie's Rainbows and the Ride to Conquer Cancer.