Impact of COVID-19 on Pharmacist Scope of Practice: Before and After the PREP Act - Diagnosing Health Care [Podcast]

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In this episode of the Diagnosing Health Care Podcast: For years, pharmacy advocates have urged policymakers to make changes to state scope of practice laws that would permit pharmacists to prescribe and administer certain tests and vaccines at the pharmacy. How has COVID-19 impacted these efforts?
Hear from special guest Will Chang, Chief Legal Officer of UpStream.

Will and Epstein Becker Green attorneys Richard Hughes and Kala Shankle discuss the history of pharmacists’ scope of practice before the pandemic and how COVID-19 response efforts used a declaration under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act to release pharmacists as testers and vaccinators for the country. The group also discusses what’s next for scope of practice rules as the pandemic emergency winds down.