



Friday Five

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Mifegymiso Guideline Update

In July 2015, Health Canada approved Mifegymiso for medical abortions and established conditions for distribution and administration of the product. Mifegymiso is a combination of two drugs, mifepristone and misoprostol, for the safe medical termination of early pregnancy. The Canadian distributor, Celopharma Inc., launched the product in early 2017. Health Canada has set conditions on the distribution of Mifegymiso whereby pharmacists cannot dispense the product directly to the patient; rather, the dispensed prescription is delivered to the physician's office where the physician provides the medication to the patient.

The College has developed draft guidelines for pharmacists on the dispensing of Mifegymiso which are set to go to the next meeting of Council in April for approval. There are however, some issues that require further clarification regarding the dispensing of Mifegymiso and pharmacy regulators across the country are currently seeking this clarification directly from Health Canada. As well, the College has developed this draft guideline document in cooperation with The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba (CPSM) and the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM). Once clarification from Health Canada is received, the draft guidelines may require revision and further consultation with the CPSM and CRNM.

In anticipation of the guideline document, pharmacists can prepare to dispense Mifegymiso by:

- [Reviewing Health Canada's Mifegymiso: Myths vs. Facts](#)
- Completing the online required education program developed jointly by the Canadian Pharmacists Association, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The program is available as an accredited or non-accredited learning activity through the SOGC eLearning Platform. <https://sogc.org/online-courses/courses.html>

Professional Development Opportunities

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba, together with The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, and the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, present:

**Opioid Replacement Therapy 101
: An Introduction to Clinical Practice**

[Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2017](#)

Winnipeg, MB

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Travel Health & Tropical Medicine Services present:

[Manitoba 14th Annual Travel Health Conference](#)

April 20 & 21, 2017
Winnipeg, MB

The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority present:

[2017 Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Conference](#)

April 25, 2017

Members will be notified through email and Friday Five communications once the draft Mifegymiso guideline document is finalized.

2015-2016 Annual Portfolio Review

In January 2017, a random selection of members were chosen to complete the 2015 - 2016 Annual Learning Portfolio Review. The College thanks the pharmacists who participated in this review process.

The College would like to take this opportunity to remind pharmacists that they are required to ensure the professional development (PD) activities entered into their online PD Log accurately reflect the information that appears on their certificates or statements of participation including:

- program title
- completion date
- number of accredited hours
- accrediting body
- accreditation file number

Only learning activities entered into the online PD Log will be considered towards the annual professional development requirement. For more information about PD requirements, please visit the [College's website](#).

Annual General Meeting Reminder

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College) encourages all members to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**, in the Pan Am Room of the RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg. Pre-registration is not required to attend the AGM.

Members may view the following documents in advance of the AGM:

- [Annual General Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Annual Report](#) (includes summarized financial statements)

Printed copies of all documents are available upon request through the College office. The [Non-Consolidated Financial Statements](#) are available for download from the College [website](#).

Pharmacist Resource Updates

In recent months, the College has created a number of new resources to support pharmacy practice in Manitoba. We have added the following resources to our website:

- [Frequently Asked Questions: Patient Record Destruction under Field Office Information](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Pharmacy Technician Final](#)

Winnipeg, MB

The Canadian Association of
Pharmacy Technicians present:

[National Professional
Development Conference](#)

May 5 - May 7, 2017
Toronto, ON

Online Programs:

[Oral-Systemic
Health Education for Non-Dental
Healthcare Providers](#)

[Ordering Lab Tests
for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

Visit www.cphm.ca
for more information on
[Expanded Scope of Practice](#) training.

[Self-Limiting Conditions
Independent Study Program](#)

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All PD opportunities are listed on the
College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development
Opportunities](#)

[Check Application](#) under [Applications \(For Pharmacies\)](#)

- [Know Your Role: Pharmacy Technician Scope of Practice](#) under [Pharmacy Technicians](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Interns and Preceptors](#) under [Students and Interns \(New U of M Graduates\)](#) and under [Registration and Licensure with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba: Pharmacists from Outside of Canada](#)
- [Naloxone resources](#) including Guidelines for Pharmacists Selling Naloxone as a Schedule II Drug, checklists, patient brochures, and Frequently Asked Questions

If you have suggestions for additional resources, please email them to Rachel Carlson, Communications and Quality Assurance Coordinator: rcarlson@cphm.ca

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