



Friday Five

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Final Member Vote Reminder

The vote to support streamlining the regulation amendment process is coming to a close and ballots must be RECEIVED by the College by Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. . For more information on the voting process and background, please visit the [Upcoming Events](#) page of the College website.

If you have not sent your ballot to the College, or you believe it will not make the deadline if you send it by mail, you can drop off your ballot envelope with College reception during business hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday), or place your ballot envelope in the afterhours drop box beside the main entrance to the College.

The College is located at 200 Tache Avenue, Winnipeg, MB.

You must package your ballot according to the voting instructions you received with your voting package.

If you have questions about the voting process, please contact the College office by email at info@cphm.ca or by phone at 204-233-1411.

Health Canada Introduces New Pathway to Access to Drugs in Exceptional Circumstances

Current pathways for providing access to drugs that are not authorised for sale in Canada include:

1. Health Canada’s Special Access Programme (SAP); and

Professional Development Opportunities

Health Sciences Centre
Winnipeg presents:

[The 21st Annual Bug Day](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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](#)

2. An Interim Order by the Federal Minister of Health.

Health Canada has now introduced a third pathway:

3. Access to Drugs in Exceptional Circumstances.

Special Access Programme

The SAP addresses individual patient needs, and treating practitioners are required to submit an application for the drug to Health Canada's SAP. An authorization issued by Health Canada's SAP is patient-specific, and outlines the quantity of a drug authorized for the patient's treatment.

Interim Order by the Federal Minister of Health

An Interim Order by the Federal Minister of Health occurs when immediate action is required to deal with a significant risk to the health and safety of a population and is valid for a maximum of one year and is not renewable. While Interim Orders are issued to address a particular emergency, they are valid for only a short period of time, and therefore may not be an appropriate mechanism for addressing an on-going urgent public health need.

Access to Drugs in Exceptional Circumstances

Health Canada's new pathway – Access to Drugs in Exceptional Circumstances - allows a federal, provincial or territorial public health official to apply to Health Canada for access to drugs that are not authorised in Canada, but are authorised for sale in another country (e.g., the US or European Union) to address urgent public health needs. Several conditions must be met for a drug to become eligible for importation and sale. A federal, provincial or territorial public health official must notify the Federal Minister of an urgent public health need for the immediate use of the drug, as well as the intended use or purpose of the drug within their respective jurisdiction. An eligible drug is only allowed for sale in the notifying jurisdiction. Details of drugs eligible for importation and sale under this regulatory pathway appear on the [List of Drugs for an Urgent Public Health Need \(the List\)](#). Additional information obtained from the notification made by the public health official can also be found on the List.

Resources:

- Health Canada's [Access to Drugs in Exceptional Circumstances](#)
- [Infographic on Making Urgently Needed Drugs Available](#)

Pharmacist Prescribing Reminder

All licensed pharmacists in Manitoba have been entered into the Drug Programs Information Network (DPIN) as prescribers by Manitoba Health.

The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Regulation permits pharmacist prescribing:

- For the adaptation of a prescription;

[Practice training.](#)

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

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

All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

- For the provision of a continued care prescription;
- For medical devices and non-prescription medications;
- When a public health emergency has been declared in the province;
- For conditions listed in Schedule 3 to the Regulation when the pharmacist has undertaken specific education and training and has been authorized by the College; and,
- When the pharmacist has received advanced education and training in a specialty area as described in the Regulation or as approved by Council, meets additional requirements for practice hours in the specialty area and practices in collaboration with, at a minimum, a physician or nurse practitioner and potentially other health providers and is designated as an Extended Practice Pharmacist.

For any of the authorized prescribing conditions, a pharmacist must only prescribe a drug or medical device to a patient if they have the knowledge and skill with respect to the condition being treated and the drug or device being prescribed. When a pharmacist issues a prescription to a patient, a documented in-person patient assessment is required, and the prescription must be reduced to writing.

From the Practice Direction on Prescribing

2.9 Documentation: A licensed pharmacist who issues a prescription must make and retain a record of:

2.9.1 The name and address of the patient

2.9.2 The date of birth of the patient

2.9.3 The name of the drug/device prescribed

2.9.4 The strength, if applicable, and quantity of the medication

2.9.5 The directions for use

2.9.6 The number of refills

2.9.7 The name of the licensed pharmacist issuing the prescription

2.9.8 The date of the prescription

2.9.9 The treatment goal, diagnosis or clinical indication for issuing the prescription

2.9.10 The rationale for the prescribing decision

2.9.11 The follow up plan

2.9.12 Other health professionals notified

MIPS Develops S.A.F.E Toolkit DVD Series

The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS) developed a S.A.F.E. Toolkit DVD Series to augment the written materials for their S.A.F.E Toolkit: Advocacy for Everyone. This DVD Series is made up of eight (8) 3-5 minute videos that can be used in

pharmacies for client education and in group education sessions. In addition to the DVDs, the S.A.F.E. Toolkit contains information, tips, and resources on key patient safety topics.

Client handouts for your workplace or community education sessions can be ordered free of charge from mips.ca, including the [It's Safe to Ask Medication Card](#).

For more background, review "[Learn to be Safe – Medication Safety. A Guide for Pharmacists](#)" available at mips.ca. The guide provides background and all the material you need to conduct local education sessions on medication safety.

This free resource is available in its entirety at <http://safetoask.ca/s.a.f.e.-toolkit.html>.

Help your patients stay safe with the NEW S.A.F.E. Resource!

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