



# College of Pharmacists of Manitoba

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## Practice Direction

### Standard of Practice # 15: Pharmacy Facilities

#### 1.0 Scope and Objective:

##### 1.1 Expected Outcome

This document is a practice direction by Council concerning the requirement to provide appropriate and accessible pharmacy facilities.

##### 1.2 Document Jurisdiction (Area of Practice)

All licensed pharmacies must comply with this practice direction.

##### 1.3 Regulatory Authority Reference

Section 56(1) of regulations to the *Act* allows Council to create this practice direction.

#### 2.0 Practice Direction

2.1 The Premises, with the exception of the Dispensary, shall:

- 2.1.1 with the exception of hospital practice, be accessible to the public in person, by telephone, and by facsimile machine;
- 2.1.2 with the exception of hospital practice, have a patient counseling and consultation area suitable to the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba, which shall:
  - 2.1.2.1 contain no items for sale other than articles needed for counseling sessions;
  - 2.1.2.2 display the “It’s Your Right to Know” sign provided by the Association in view of the public; and
  - 2.1.2.3 provide a setting for confidential discussion between the patient and the pharmacist.
- 2.1.3 be well ventilated and sufficiently lit and of cleanliness suitable to the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba;
- 2.1.4 provide security of information in compliance with federal and provincial privacy legislation and any additional security measures approved by

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Council. As part of a patient counseling session, patient information displayed on computer screens must not be visible to any person in the public area of a pharmacy. The information displayed must relate to the patient being counseled and it may only be viewed by the patient being counseled or their delegate or other authorized members of the inter-professional team.

## 2.2 The Dispensary must:

- 2.2.1 be well ventilated and sufficiently lit and of cleanliness suitable to the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba;
- 2.2.2 be at least 150 square feet in size in addition to space allocated for the patient counseling area;
- 2.2.3 be accessible to authorized personnel only;
- 2.2.4 contain no products inappropriate to the practice of pharmacy;
- 2.2.5 have a facsimile machine only accessible to authorized personnel;
- 2.2.6 have Internet access for the purposes of email, electronic fan out, and information research;
- 2.2.7 have a prescription counter area that provides for 12 square feet of free working space dedicated to the preparation of medication and compounding medication, pursuant to a prescription;
- 2.2.8 have secure drug storage;
- 2.2.9 have a refrigerator that is:
  - 2.2.9.1 clean and in good working order;
  - 2.2.9.2 dedicated to the storage of pharmaceuticals and related products;
  - 2.2.9.3 maintains the temperature defined by the manufacturer of product stored in the refrigerator; and
  - 2.2.9.4 regularly monitored for temperature.
- 2.2.10 have a sanitary sink that is:
  - 2.2.10.1 kept in a clean condition
  - 2.2.10.2 easily accessible to the prescription preparation area; and
  - 2.2.10.3 supplied with hot and cold water.
- 2.2.11 Have a waste container of either plastic, metal or similar material.

## 2.3 The minimum Compounding and Dispensing equipment must include:

- 2.3.1 Weighing apparatus with precision, reproducibility and accuracy in mass determination as well as readability for minimum and maximum weighable mass, where the minimum and maximum weighable mass specification is suited to the compounds prepared at that site

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- 2.3.2 Reference weights to conduct routine quality assurance (sensitivity drift) testing for masses most commonly measured, and to conduct calibration procedures as stated in the scale's operating manual
- 2.3.3 metric graduates of the following sizes; 10ml & 100 ml;
- 2.3.4 glass mortar and pestle; 250ml;
- 2.3.5 spatulas;
- 2.3.6 ointment slab or pad;
- 2.3.7 counting tray; and
- 2.3.8 computer or printing system.

## 2.4 The minimum Library Requirements available to all authorized personnel are:

- 2.4.1 The College Manual (\*) containing current Federal and Provincial pharmacy related statutes and information;
- 2.4.2 Policy and Procedures Manual (\*) that includes minimum content as required by Council;
- 2.4.3 References for drugs, interactions, herbs, nutraceuticals and food (\*);
- 2.4.4 Reference material consistent with the standards of practice and pharmacy practice in that location and type of practice (e.g., geriatric, paediatric, pre-natal & maternal, medical dictionary, etcetera) (\*)  
(\* ) Indicates that library requirements may be in hardcopy or electronic format

## 3.0 Compliance Adjudication

- 3.1 The Pharmacy site must be readily accessible and open to regulatory review.
- 3.2 Application May be made to Council for Exceptions or Waivers to the Requirements of this Document.

## 4.0 Appendices

Not applicable

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*A Practice Direction is a written statement of a regulatory position made by Council for the purposes of giving direction to members and owners about the conduct of their practice or pharmacy operations.*

*A Practice Direction carries similar legal weight to a Regulation under the Act and compliance by all Manitoba pharmacists and pharmacy license holders is expected.*

*The process for development, consultation, implementation, appeal and review is been published on the College website.*

Development Source:  
Regulatory Reference:

Standards of Practice Committee  
Sec 56(1), *The Pharmaceutical Regulations*

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