



News release

Manitoba pharmacists receive extended practice registration

WINNIPEG, September 12, 2014 – The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba is pleased to announce the registration of the first four Extended Practice Pharmacists in Manitoba. These pharmacists are specially trained to prescribe and manage patient medication therapy within the scope of their practice. Extended Practice Pharmacists must be authorized by the College and work in a collaborative practice with other health-care professionals.

The Extended Practice Pharmacist designation allows the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba to recognize another level of skills and knowledge in addition to that of a practising pharmacist. These pharmacists have voluntarily acquired the additional knowledge and training in order to be a specialist in their area of pharmacy practice.

The role of the pharmacist has recently changed in Manitoba. The medication management role of pharmacists has been expanded to include prescribing, interpreting patient self-administered tests, ordering lab tests and administration of drugs (including through injection). The pharmacists designated as Extended Practice Pharmacists are trained in a specific specialty or specialties in which they will work collaboratively with other health-care professionals to manage patient drug therapy.

A collaborative practice setting is defined as a practice setting in which a pharmacist works closely and cooperatively with other health-care professionals (physicians and/or nurse practitioners) to provide care to a common patient or group of patients. The Extended Practice Pharmacist along with the other health-care professionals within the practice have access to the same diagnostic and health information to aide in providing enhanced care to the patient.

“Manitoba families deserve access to convenient, high quality health services. By working with our pharmacists to allow them to provide a wider range of health services families need, we are together making health care better and more accessible for families calling Manitoba home,” said Health Minister Erin Selby.

“This is an exciting time for patient care, and the practice of pharmacy in Manitoba,” said Glenda Marsh, President of the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba. “By recognizing these four Extended Practice Pharmacists, we are providing Manitobans with greater and more timely access to quality health care across the province.”

Extended Practice Pharmacists will increase patient access to pharmaceutical experts, improve patient safety by providing more advanced drug therapy and contribute to better health outcomes for Manitobans.

The professional designation for Extended Practice Pharmacists is EPPh. The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba is the regulatory authority for the 405 licensed pharmacies and 1489 pharmacists in Manitoba.

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