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PHARMACY COALITION ON PRIMARY CARE

The Pharmacy Coalition on Primary Care is a joint effort by the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (Saskatchewan Branch); the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan; the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists and the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association. Together they have combined efforts to advance the role of the pharmacist in Primary Health Care.

On February 27, 2002 Dr. Gill White, Acting Executive Director, Primary Health Services Branch presented the Department's implementation plans for Primary Care to Council. At that time Dr. White requested that pharmacies develop some options for how the pharmacist would interact on the patient care

team, to best utilize the skills of all team members. From that meeting came the formation of the Coalition and members of the Coalition have met throughout the year. At the current SAHO Conference, *Partners in Health* which was held in Saskatoon March 23-26, 2003 SPhA was a partner in "the premier multidisciplinary event for health leaders, professional health care providers, decision makers, managers and anyone interested in health care" to be held in the province.

The Coalition continues its work. On April 2, 2003 the Coalition met via teleconference to plan their next steps. They plan to promote to the Regional Health Authorities (RHA) a process to determine which pharmacists in the RHA are interested in becoming involved. SPhA

will provide pharmacy directories and regular updates to the RHAs in addition to the directory on the SK page at www.napra.org

Once the Position Statement has been finalized, SPhA will take responsibility to distribute it to all stakeholders, including Dr. Gill White, the Directors of Primary Care and the CEO's of the Regional Health Authorities, professional advocacy and regulatory bodies (i.e. the members of the Integrated Primary Health Care Working Group). The document is to be accessible on both the RBSP and SPhA websites. Coalition members will be arranging a meeting with the RHA Directors of Primary Care to make a presentation based on the document.

PARTNERS IN HEALTH 2003 CONFERENCE

SPhA partnered with the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO), the Saskatchewan Emergency Medical Services Association (SEMSA), the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS), the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA), and the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) and the newly formed Health Quality Council to present *Partners in Health 2003 Conference*, at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre March 23-26, 2003.

The goal for the conference was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and interdisciplinary and intersectoral discussion on important health issues of mutual interest among professional health care providers, governors and managers for the improvement of health care. Keynote speakers addressed the following issues: "After Romanow and Kirby – Where Do We Go From Here?", "Trends, Structures and Strategies – Primary Health Care and Health System Reform"

and "A Saskatchewan Look at Primary Health Care".

The keynote speakers were followed by concurrent sessions, some of which applied directly to pharmacists and the provision of pharmacy services: "Achieving Better Health Services for Aboriginal People" and "Working Together for Better Outcomes: Interdisciplinary Approaches to High Risk Cases"; and two presentations by members of our Association, "The Pharmacists' Role in the Delivery of Primary Health Care" speakers, Dr. Shannan Neubauer and Dr. Bill Semchuk; and "Pills, Partners and Pathways – Long-term Care Approach to Drug Use Management" speakers, Ray Joubert and Kelly Day, RN, of the Prairie North Health Region.

It was great to see so many pharmacists in attendance. We understand that it is difficult to get away from one's practice site for an entire conference, it was noted that many members attended specific sessions of interest to them.

Members of The Pharmacy Coalition on Primary Care manned an education table which had been developed by Cherise Shabatoski, a fourth year pharmacy student during her SPEP rotation at the SPhA office. Conference attendees had the opportunity to converse with various members of the Coalition during the many breaks throughout the length of the conference. Thank you to all Coalition members who volunteered their time to promote the profession and our place in primary care.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 23, 2003

Council met on Sunday, March 23, 2003 in Saskatoon prior to the opening of The Partners in Health Conference.

Council is happy to announce the appointment of **Corry MacWilliam** as the Councillor representing Division 6. Corry is a practising member from Swift Current whose term will begin at the next meeting of Council, May 2, 2003 in Moose Jaw.

Just prior to the beginning of the conference, representatives from the newly formed **Health Quality Council** (Laurie Thompson, Interim CEO, Stew McMillan, Chairman and Yvonne Shevchuk, Board Member) met with Council to present their role and also to ask for the profession's input as they develop their agenda and priorities especially with regard to quality in drug use, approval and prescription practises.

The presentation was partly educational in nature for SPhA Council and it afforded the Health Quality Council an opportunity to seek input on their agenda priorities, with an emphasis on drug use, approval and prescription practises. While acknowledging that "drug" areas will likely not be addressed in the first year, Dr. McMillan has asked the profession to provide input on how pharmacists can best be utilized in the new collaborative framework.

Paul Melnyk, from Pharmasave also made a presentation to Council on their **Heart Health Coaching Program** which focused on the question, "does screening really help patients?" The results indicate that the program did improve outcomes. Paul informed Council that in spite of resistance, in general the response was positive.

Council reviewed a proposal for the implementation of **Central Fill and Central Processing** submitted from CACDS (Canadian Association of Chain Drugstores). Council's policy E-3 states in part "Drug distribution and cognitive or clinical services can be provided from different sites provided that a pharmacist is accountable for both". Council agreed to amend the policy to add the following sentence, "Central fill and central processing can be an acceptable practice provided that acceptable quality assurance and data security procedures are met."

The Saskatchewan Medical Association is questioning the appropriateness of **flu vaccine clinics** which are held in pharmacies where nurses administer the vaccine. Their position is that this is not within the scope of practice of the nurse or pharmacist. They further conclude that transfer of function from the physician is needed, but only based upon close collaboration between the physician, pharmacist and nurse to satisfy the physician that all can handle the situation safely. To achieve this, they have requested that pharmacists advise physicians in their community. SPhA will be meeting with SMA in early April to address this issue.

Council approved the revised **"Standards for Saskatchewan Pharmacies Providing Services via the Internet"** and corresponding bylaw amendments. The following wording will be incorporated in to the proprietary pharmacy permit: "This Proprietary Pharmacy Permit is granted subject to the Proprietor and its manager at all times complying with The Pharmacy Act, 1996, and the bylaws, regulations, rules and standards made there under, as well as the following additional restrictions, terms and conditions:

1. The Proprietor shall not, without the further express approval of the Association, allow, or provide for, the shipment of drugs from the pharmacy by mail, courier, or otherwise, in circumstances where the internet is used directly or indirectly as a means to promote the pharmacy's services."

During the permit renewal process each pharmacy must declare whether or not they are providing internet pharmacy services. One permit will be issued:

- for internet pharmacies or conventional pharmacies providing internet services, one conditional permit according to the stated standards at the special fee for this type of operation as stated in the Bylaws,
- for conventional pharmacies NOT providing internet services, the permit with the aforementioned condition at the proprietary pharmacy permit fee as stated in the Bylaws.

(Please see Fee Schedule chart on page 4 for full details.)

Before making this decision Council



reviewed current practises in other jurisdictions to assist in determining the fee for regulation of this new type of practice, and is self-sustaining on a cost recovery basis to cover the projected costs for developmental and enforcement costs associated with this expanding practice.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations wrote to Council asking for the Association's support of their efforts to stop the **NIHB Consent Initiative**. The FSIN believes that the Consent document is "an undeniable abrogation of both Treaty and Human Rights. Furthermore, Saskatchewan First Nations view the Program as both discriminatory and ill conceived." While Council agrees with their request that we "advocate for reasonable, effective and equitable requirements for First Nations people in this province" Council did not feel that it is in the jurisdiction of this

Association to direct members to refuse to display the Consent forms and information booklets as requested by FSIN. The profession is concerned with the health and welfare of our patients.

During February, Cherise Shabatoski a fourth year pharmacy student completed one rotation of her SPEP program at the SPhA office. One of her projects was to prepare **guidelines** for pharmacists to comply with the *Health Information Protection Act (HIPA)* and the federal *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PEPIDA)*. Once the regulations to the HIPA have been received our guidelines will be reviewed to ensure compliance and will then be distributed to the membership.

The Pharmacy Coalition on Primary Care presented their *Position Statement on the Role of the Pharmacist in Primary Care* to Council. The intention is that the

document will be used to inform all stakeholders of the pharmacist's role so that the pharmacist can be included as members of primary care teams. The Coalition will be submitting this document along with other information to the Quality Health Council in response to their request to provide assistance as they develop their agenda for moving the process forward.

The Finance Committee presented the draft budget for approval. Budget details can be found on page 4 of this issue.

On March 19, 2003, the RBSP served notice of intent to vacate the SPhA office premises effective June 1, 2003. We wish the Board all the best in their new location and will continue the mutually beneficial and cordial relationship that we have enjoyed since the Board's inception.

DRUG SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS

The Council of the Association, at a meeting duly convened March 23, 2003, approved the following drug schedule amendments recommended by the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee.

1. Schedule I changes (Prescription only products)

Amend Schedule I to add:

- "Calcium chloride in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Calcium gluconate in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Chromium Chloride (chromic chloride) in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Copper chloride (cupric chloride) in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Dextrose injection "concentrated solutions for parenteral injection"
- "Lipid solutions in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Magnesium sulfate in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Manganese and its salts in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Selenium in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Sodium acetate in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Sodium chloride in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Sodium iodine in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Sodium phosphate in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Vitamins in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Zinc chloride in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"
- "Zinc sulfate in injectable form for parenteral nutrition"

The National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee considered the apparent inconsistencies between the Schedule I status of electrolytes for parenteral use: and individual TPN

additive entries. It was agreed that the blanket statement "electrolytes for parenteral use" entry should be replaced with entries for individual TPN additives.

These changes were effective March 23, 2003 upon Council approval.

Amend Schedule I to read:

- Council approved an administrative amendment to change "isorbide dinitrate" to read:
- "Isorbide and its salts"

2. Schedule II changes (pharmacy only, no public access)

Please see the above additions to Schedule I.

Amend Schedule II to delete:

- "Chromic chloride (parenteral)"
- "Cupric chloride (parenteral)"
- "Manganese and its salts (for parenteral use)"
- "Selenium (for parenteral use)"

3. Schedule III changes (pharmacy only, public access)

- "Loratadine and its salts and preparations marketed for pediatric use (under 12 years of age)."

Therefore, Loratadine and its salts and preparations (in products marketed for adult use – 12 years and older) is unclassified and can be sold from any retail outlet.

4. Unscheduled changes

The following became unclassified effective March 14, 2003 upon publication in the Saskatchewan Gazette.

- Mepyramine

2003-2004 BUDGET SUMMARY

- 1.0 Predicts a surplus of \$5,021 contributing to the operating surplus (deficit).
- 2.0 Regulatory Priorities
- 2.1 Statutory obligations and programs:
 - registration and licensing with the integration of the BSP clinical clerkship with internship.
 - complaints management and discipline, including special investigations
 - implement and enforce new NAPRA competency based standards of practice.
- 2.2 Early phases of continuing competency program.
- 2.3 Continue developing the primary care role of the pharmacist.
- 2.4 Continue to refine policy governance.
- 2.5 Continue Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists (portfolio).
- 2.6 Implement subsidy program for Structured Practice Experiences Program funded from insurance reserves.
- 2.7 Pursue comprehensive drug use management strategies and prescribing privileges for pharmacists.
- 2.8 Continues Council priorities on primary care and quality, to include planning for revisions to our pharmacy and professional practice evaluation procedures.
- 3.0 Continues the sharing of administrative facilities with RBSP [we have since received confirmation that the Board will be vacating the SPhA Offices effective June 2003].
- 4.0 Continues with Policy Governance coaching. Executive becomes the Finance Committee with the addition of a separate Audit Committee.
- 5.0 Limited growth in licensed pharmacists and pharmacies, with no growth in non-practising members due to the Mutual Recognition Agreement.
- 6.0 Predicts no increase in interest rates, with increased principal.
- 7.0 Continues fee payments using credit cards.
- 8.0 All other programs are retained with increased Committee activity to ensure timely decisions. Three disciplinary hearings are anticipated to cost \$65,600 in committee and legal

- costs allocated to practising membership fees.
- 9.0 Increased fees to NAPRA to \$30 per capita for NAPRA and \$3.00 per capita for NAPRA Solutions Inc.
- 10.0 No increase in per diem and meal and mileage allowances.
- 12.0 Includes the costs of our communication strategy, with website development and network improvements under SHN, plus additional costs to contribute data to the Western Health Information Collaborative Provider Registry.
- 13.0 Predicts inflationary and utilization

- increases in administrative costs, with continuing the current staff complement plus a market adjustment for the pharmacists on staff.
- 14.0 Anticipates the cost of changing our name to the "Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists" with a new logo and letterhead.
- 15.0 Adds a Capital Assets Budget to disclose that depreciation is not covered by the operating fund or operating surpluses.
- 16.0 Increased Saskatchewan Drug Information Services grant from \$24,000 to \$30,000.

FEE SCHEDULE – 2003-2004

On March 23, 2003 Council approved the fee schedule for the upcoming licence year as follows:

Membership and Licence Fee Schedule

	2003-2004	2002-2003	%
Membership Fees			
Practising	\$ 550.00*	\$500.00	10
Non-practising	\$ 465.00	\$420.00	10.71
Associate	\$ 115.00	\$110.00	4.55
Retired	\$ 60.00	\$ 55.00	9.09

Permit Fee Schedule 2003-2004

Pharmacy Permit (traditional)	\$ 850.00	\$775.00	9.68
Pharmacy Permit (Internet)	\$12,000.00		
Satellite Pharmacy	\$ 425.00	\$387.50	9.68

Fees – Registration and Other

Registration (U of S Intern)	\$ 220.00	\$210.00	4.76
Out of Province Registration	\$ 600.00	\$575.00	4.35
Dispensing Physicians	\$ 700.00	\$650.00	7.69
Locum Tenens	\$ 220.00	\$210.00	4.76
Intern	\$ 85.00	\$ 80.00	6.25
Appraisal Training			
Application Fee	\$ 175.00	\$160.00	9.38
Assessment Fee	\$ 575.00	\$560.00	2.68
Reinstatement	\$ 220.00	\$210.00	4.76
Jurisprudence Exam	\$ 220.00	\$210.00	4.76
Lock and Leave	\$ 350.00	\$310.00	12.90
Permit Amendment	\$ 200.00	\$180.00	11.11
Late Payment	\$ 160.00	\$150.00	6.67

For the 2003-2004 licence year, to be eligible for relicensure, members are reminded that all CEU (completed "Professional Development Log" must be sent in with renewal forms) and malpractice insurance requirements must be met, that all fees, application forms, and any arrears must be received in the office on or before June 1, 2003, or be subject to a \$160.00 (+ GST) penalty.

Please do not fax or return your completed application for licence renewal unless the form is complete. Date of approval is assigned only when a completed, signed application form accompanied by the required fees is received.

*Practicing Membership does not include Malpractice Liability Insurance.



PHARMACY INVESTIGATIONS

As the investigator for the Complaints Committee, it is the duty of the Field Officer (or designate) to obtain all of the relevant facts for the Complaints Committee, as described in Section 28(1) of The Pharmacy Act, 1996.

“28(1)(b) . . . investigate the complaint by taking any steps it considers necessary ...”

Investigations often involve the review of records in the pharmacy or written requests to the member for information. The authority to make information requests and review records is given to the Field Officer (or designate) in Section 29(2) of The Pharmacy Act, 1996.

29(2) Every member or proprietor and every person who keeps any of a member’s or proprietor’s records or other property shall comply with a demand of an inspector, or a person designated by the council, to produce any of the member’s or proprietor’s records or other property that the inspector or the person designated



by the council reasonably believes are required for the purposes of an investigation pursuant to this Act.

Refusal to comply with the requests of the Committee designate or the Field Officer is **obstruction** and **may result in separate discipline charges**, as describe under Section 25 (d) and (e) – Professional Misconduct or Section 26(d) and (f) – Proprietary Misconduct.

Both the provincial legislation, *Health Information Protection Act* (HIPA), and the (Pending) federal legislation *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA), have provisions which allow the request and review of personal health information by a regulatory body when conducting an investigation.



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

By: Lori Postnikoff

Recently I have encountered several concerns regarding narcotic and controlled drug record keeping while visiting pharmacies.

Although there is no longer an official federal program of pharmacy inspectors, many of you may be aware that I was employed as one of those inspectors for approximately 8 years and have extensive knowledge of the program and procedures. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office for more information.

Record keeping procedures for narcotic and controlled drugs are contained in the Controlled Drug and Substances Act and regulations attached to the Act which are the Narcotic Control Regulations, The Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations, and Part “G” of the Food and Drug Regulations. The SPhA and The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, and College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan have also entered into an agreement to follow the principles of the Triplicate Prescription Program.

Policies and advice on record keeping can also be found in the Pharmacy Reference Manual in the following sections:

- Responsibilities of the Pharmacy Manager
- Pharmacy Narcotic and Controlled Drugs Record Keeping Requirements
- Triplicate Prescription Program
- Control Over Sales of Exempted Codeine Products

The Pharmacy Reference Manual contains a very useful summary of all federal and provincial record keeping requirements called: *Prescription Regulations – Summary Chart*.

SERVICE TO RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

We continue to receive inquiries from patients, their families and health care workers in long-term care facilities requesting that members re-package medications that the patient brings with him upon admission.

While the pharmacist often will agree to this request, the following must be confirmed prior to re-packaging:

- Ensure a current order from the attending physician is in place
- Ensure the identity of the medication and integrity of the medication
- Ensure medications are still “in date”
- If known, ensure appropriate expiry date is included on the new prescription label
- If expiry date is not available, clearly indicate “unknown expiry date”
- If known, ensure the appropriate lot number is included on the new label
- If lot number is unavailable, clearly indicate “unknown lot number”

Excerpt from Standards of Practice for Pharmacists Providing Services to Long-Term-Care Residents



PRESCRIBER IDENTIFICATION

We have received a request to remind members of the importance of transmitting accurate information to the Triplicate Prescription Program via the on-line system or manually. There are instances where two or more physicians may have similar or identical last names, so it is important that the correct prescriber number is transmitted.



STAFF PHARMACIST: Sunrise Health Region has an opening for a permanent full-time Staff Pharmacist at the Yorkton Regional Health Centre in Yorkton, SK.

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PHARMACIST WANTED

The Lloydminster Hospital has an URGENT need for a Pharmacist

The Lloydminster Hospital needs a pharmacist to cover an extended illness and a maternity leave. Full-time hours are required over the summer period (July, August and September) and then three days a week until July 2004. During the initial period, the pharmacist will be in charge of the department and will be responsible for all day-to-day activities.

Relief hours could also be arranged if availability is limited. There will be an ongoing need for relief hours as well as the above position if desired.

Remuneration is in accordance with the appropriate Saskatchewan Collective Agreement or as contract is desired.

Applicants are invited to submit a resume, complete with references to:

Lloydminster Hospital – Prairie North Health Region
Attention: Lynda Callioux – Director Acute Care Services
 3820 – 43 Avenue
 Lloydminster, SK/SB
 S9V 1Y5
 Fax: (306) 825-9880
 Email: lyndac@lloydhealth.ca

SPEED READING



CCAPP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Effective July 1 2003, **Dr. Jim Blackburn** is appointed Executive Director for The Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP). In this position Jim assumes responsibility for the overall management of the Council's programs and activities. CCAPP evaluates the quality of pharmacy professional degree programs in Canadian universities (11 programs at nine Canadian universities) and promotes their continued improvement. Jim is known to all pharmacists in Saskatchewan as he was Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan for many years. Congratulations Jim and best wishes as you begin another chapter.

Dr. Bruce Schnell is stepping down as CCAPP Executive Director on June 30, 2003 after 10 years in this position. We thank Bruce for his many years of dedication to the profession and wish him well in his future endeavors.



The Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association has copies of the following:

- Over-The-Counter Codeine Products Bylaw pamphlets
- Shelf Signs For the Sale of Exempted Codeine Products Package Size Restriction
- Pharmacist Must Not Accept Returns of Medication for Re-use

If you need copies please contact: Andrea Brockmeyer at 584-2292

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

We would like to congratulate Mr. Bill Paterson who was re-elected your Division 5 Councillor for the 2003-2005 term, as a result of the election held on March 26, 2003. We also would like to welcome Ms. Corry MacWilliam from Swift Current who was appointed Councillor for Division 6. Corry is completing the current term which expires June 30, 2004.

And on behalf of the SPhA office staff we also would like to welcome Shelley Mayoh who will be fulfilling the duties of Communications and Events Coordinator while Carla Cramer is on maternity leave.

Please join us in welcoming Shelley to the SPhA office staff.



REMINDER TO 2002 GRADS

In past years the graduating class enjoyed a one year exemption for the continuing education requirement – this is no longer the case.

With the move away from the mandatory 15 CEU requirement to the introduction of the learning portfolio, all applicants wishing to renew their practicing membership must submit the "Professional Development Log" with their application.

The Professional Development Log is found at the back of the Learning Portfolio – you may wish to copy the log for your records.

Pharmacists are reminded that it is their responsibility to inform the office as to their place of employment, and any changes to their name, address and telephone number. The SPhA office can be reached at (306) 584-2292, fax: (306) 584-9695 or via email at www.saskpharm@sasktel.net.



ONLINE SPHA INFORMATION

All SPhA information regarding newsletters since December 2002, the Annual Reports, and the Pharmacy Reference Manual are accessible via the Internet on the NAPRA website at www.napra.org or www.napra.ca. (Annual Report 2002, and May Newsletter 2003 will be available online soon). Once on the NAPRA website, click on the "SK" button; then select the "News or Events" link on the sidebar for Newsletter publications, or the "Publications" link for the Annual Report. To view the Pharmacy Reference Manual, it has a link all of its own. If you have any questions or comments regarding the online information, please feel free to contact the office.



BENZODIAZEPINES

How They Work and How to Withdraw October 2000

A copy of the Protocol for the treatment of Benzodiazepine withdrawal by **Professor C. Heather Ashton DM, FRCP** was sent to all pharmacies for insertion into the Pharmacy Reference Manual last year. If you do not have a copy of this information it is available at www.benzo.org.uk/manual/index.htm.

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