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Pharmacy Technician Scope of Practice Q & A

With the first pharmacy technicians now in the workforce, the College office is receiving many questions about how to best incorporate this new health care professional into the workflow. When the College refers to a ‘pharmacy technician’ what is always meant is a licensed pharmacy technician who is a member of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals. As this is a protected title under the new legislation, the term “pharmacy technician” should never be used to refer to anyone other than a licensed member with this College.

For information on the pharmacy technician’s scope of practice, please review the Pharmacy Technician Scope of Practice document on our webpage at http://scp.in1touch.org/uploaded/web/refmanual/Pharmacy_Technician_Scope_of_Practice.pdf.

The following questions have been raised by pharmacists and/or pharmacy technicians:

Q: Can a pharmacy extend its hours of operation with just a pharmacy technician present (no pharmacist)?

A: No. While the regulatory bylaws do contemplate instances where a licensed pharmacist may have to leave the pharmacy on professional business (attend at the long-term care facility for example), this bylaw does not authorize a pharmacy technician to operate a pharmacy without a pharmacist for business reasons such as extended opening hours.

Should a pharmacist have to leave the pharmacy on professional business, only prescriptions that the pharmacist has approved at this filling may be released to a patient. Any new or refill prescriptions that are presented to the pharmacy while the pharmacist is out must be reviewed and approved by the pharmacist upon her return before they can be released.

Q: What is meant by a “conditional practising licence” for a pharmacy technician?

A: A pharmacy technician candidate may apply for a “conditional practising license” once they have met all requirements for registration and have sat the PEBC Qualifying Exam. During the period between completing the exam and receiving the passing grade, a candidate may apply for a conditional practising licence and practise under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist or licensed pharmacy

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Council Highlights – February 25, 2016

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS – FEBRUARY 23 AND 24, 2016

During the evening of February 23, Council reviewed the objectives and approach they would use to develop the College's strategic plan for the next three to five years. On Wednesday, February 24, Council reviewed where the profession and the College are today and what direction they want the College to move in the years ahead.

Session Objectives:

- Develop consensus on future priorities
- Develop objectives for the strategic goals
- Identify revisions, if any, to our vision, mission or goals
- Provide management with information to develop a recommended strategic plan for Council

The final report will be provided by the facilitator of the sessions, Ms. Tracey Bakkeli before the next Council meeting in April.

Council met on February 25, 2016 in Regina.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

Each Councillor shared feedback received from the public or colleagues within their division in a round-table discussion. The following common themes emerged:

- There was a health discussion around the "days' supply" issue which is most notable during prescription transfers. While the current contract is based on the 34-day, two-month and 100-day model, it appears that some pharmacies for various reasons are using a 30-day month. This has been exacerbated by third party plans insisting on a 90-day supply for chronic medications and restricting the number of refills to five per year.
- Communication between the community pharmacies and hospital pharmacies could be improved upon.
- The number of break and enters and daytime robberies is on the rise across the province raising safety concerns for pharmacy staff and customers.
- Some pharmacies have implemented fentanyl patch exchanges – before a new prescription is released the patient must return the used patches to the pharmacy. Rx Files has protocols in place for a patch-to-patch exchange. See their website for more information: <http://www.rxfiles.ca/rxfiles/uploads/documents/Opioid-Patch-Exchange-Disposal-Tool.pdf>.
- Council was informed that some pharmacy technician candidates are waiting to begin their training/bridging until they are notified that employers have established job descriptions, etc. There is a concern that if these individuals continue to delay they may not be able to meet the December 31, 2018 deadline.
- Drug shortages and recalls are an ongoing challenge.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The question of whether pharmacists should have prescriptive authority for naloxone may be soon settled. SCPP expects the drug will be available to the public without a prescription in the near future. Due to the concerns associated with opioid-related deaths and the role naloxone could play in preventing them, Health Canada has made it a priority to conduct the review of naloxone on an expedited basis.

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VISION

Quality Pharmacy Care in
Saskatchewan

VALUES

Visionary Leadership
Professionalism
“Patient First” Care
Accountability
Effective Communications
Collaboration
Education

KEY ACTION AREAS

Increased Public Involvement
Organizational Structure Review
Practice Re-design and
Regulatory Reform
Citizenship in the Saskatchewan
College of Pharmacy Professionals
(SCPP)

ELECTION NOMINATION RESULTS

One nomination in Division 2.

Two nominations in Division 4.

One nomination in Division 6.

No nomination in Division 8. Council has the option to appoint a representative for this division.

An election will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, for Division 4. The tenability of electronic voting for the future is being reviewed.

COMPASS™ UPDATE

Field Officer Jeannette Sandiford reported on the beginning of Phase III of the Pilot Project (see [page 5](#)). The response to bring the participating pharmacy numbers up to 120 participating pharmacies has been encouraging. There is still room for a few more pharmacies. SCPP will be transmitting a webinar education session for all COMPASS pharmacies in the weeks ahead—please watch for further information in an upcoming email.

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

Council has directed that we proceed with the remaining minor ailments guidelines. For the Minor Ailments 1 mandatory training, due to the removal of hydrocortisone 1% from the Prescription Drug List, the insect bites protocol will be replaced with that of allergic rhinitis.

CPDP supports continuing mandatory Level I training.

ADMINISTRATIVE BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Work has now been completed to revise the College’s Administrative Bylaws to reflect the new name; reference regulated pharmacy technicians where appropriate; amend Council and Officer composition, structure and election; incorporate drug scheduling by reference to the NAPRA National Model Drug Schedules I and II, and other housekeeping amendments (e.g., update references to PAS). Council has approved the amended Administrative Bylaws in their entirety to become effective immediately. They replaced the current version effective February 25, 2016, and are accessible on the College’s website www.saskpharm.ca under the Legislation tab.

PHARMACY TECHNICIANS

Since Bill 151 was proclaimed into force, SCPP has now registered pharmacy technicians as members of the College.

Currently, there is no formal continuing education programming for pharmacy technicians in the province and the College realizes there are very few offerings through correspondence. While CCCEP is aware of this and is working on this issue, there is a lack of CE courses dedicated to pharmacy technicians.

Please see the separate article regarding a waiver of the CEU requirement for the 2016-2017 membership year on [page 7](#).

There is also a waiver of registration time limit for 2015 graduating class on [page 7](#).

PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (PIP)

PIP CeRx integration of pharmacies continues to proceed as planned. Ninety per cent of pharmacies are currently integrated. SCPP expects that one hundred per cent of pharmacies will be integrated by the March 31, 2016 target.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DYING (PAD)

Council heard that the Canadian Pharmacists' Association (CPhA) has convened a working group to establish a policy for the CPhA Board approval, which they intend to circulate.

The Council of Pharmacy Registrars of Canada (CPRC) is also preparing a position statement to assist pharmacists across the country to understand the intricacies surrounding this issue.

In August 2015, the governments of the provinces and territories appointed a nine-member Provincial/Territorial Expert Advisory Group on Physician-Assisted Dying. This group has now publically released its final report, which can be accessed online at <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/health/other-reports/other-ministry-plans-and-reports>

The Ministry of Health has advised that the Physician-Assisted Dying stakeholder engagement session that was planned to be held in February has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later time.

2016 BUDGET

Council received for decision the proposed 2016-2017 College budget. Please refer to the article on [page 8](#) for budget details, including any amendments to the College fees.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

A Building Committee has been formed consisting of President Bill Gerla, President-Elect Justin Kosar, Vice-President Leah Perrault, Past President Spiro Kolitsas and the Registrar to consider short and long-term options for the College office space. The current College office space is outliving its usefulness and will require extensive investments and renovations to repurpose.

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technician until the candidate provides evidence to the College that they now hold a Certificate of Qualification from the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC). The supervising pharmacist/pharmacy technician assumes responsibility for the licensee and determines the level of supervision required based on the licensee's abilities and level of performance. Other conditions include that the licensee:

- is not eligible to be a director of a corporation holding a pharmacy permit; and
- is not eligible to nominate, vote or hold office with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals.

Q: Can a pharmacy open if just the pharmacy technician is in the pharmacy?

A: Currently no, unless the pharmacist has just left for a short period of time to attend to professional business in the vicinity. This may change in future as we contemplate the establishment of a telepharmacy operation. However, the drafting of requirements for such an operation are currently only in the preliminary stages. There will be specific technological and human resource requirements for a telepharmacy operation to be approved.

Q: Is a pharmacy technician authorized to independently complete refill prescription requests allowing the pharmacist to focus on new prescriptions and to interact with patients?

A: No, EVERY prescription request whether it is a new prescription or a refill must be reviewed and approved by the pharmacist before it can be released to the patient at each and every dispensing of the prescription.

Q: When a pharmacist has approved a prescription for dispensing, is the pharmacist responsible for the physical act of dispensing the medication to the patient?

A: Once the pharmacist has interacted with the patient and has confirmed and signed off that this is the correct drug for the patient, today, then the pharmacy technician would be authorized and responsible to complete the dispensing of that prescription and the release (final check) to the patient. Only if the patient, the pharmacy technician or the pharmacist had a question, would the pharmacist need to converse with the patient again.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the scope of practice of the pharmacist or pharmacy technician, please contact the College office.

What's New with COMPASS™?



Phase III of COMPASS™ is underway. There are currently 122 pharmacies participating in the third phase. Although we have reached our recruiting goal, there is still room for a few more pharmacies. If you would like to volunteer for Phase III of COMPASS™ or have any questions, please contact Jeannette Sandiford at 306-584-2292 ext 6 or by email at jeannette.sandiford@saskpharm.ca.

EDUCATION SESSION REGISTRATION

Registration for the remaining COMPASS™ education session is underway. The deadline for registration has been extended to April 6.

The remaining education session date is:

- Thursday, April 7 – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The education sessions are for the staff of pharmacies just joining the COMPASS™ pilot, as well as for pharmacies that were in Phase II and would like a refresher. If you are a COMPASS™ pharmacy and would like some or all of your pharmacy staff to attend the education session, **please contact Andrea Crain** at the SPCPP office at info@saskpharm.ca or at 306-584-2292. A recorded version of the session will be made available in the future. Watch for information on how to access the recording.

PHASE II EVALUATION

The evaluation of the second phase of COMPASS™ is being completed by Todd Boyle of St. Xavier University. All the pharmacists in a COMPASS™ pharmacy should have received a survey by mail. The goal of the evaluation is to identify successes and challenges experienced, and whether anything has changed in the pharmacy as a result of being a part of COMPASS™. **SCPP is encouraging all COMPASS™ pharmacists to complete the survey and return it in the self-addressed envelope.** Feedback is valuable in helping SPCPP make decisions about the program's future. If you are a pharmacist in a COMPASS™ pharmacy, but did not receive a survey, please contact Jeannette Sandiford at info@saskpharm.ca or at 306-584-2292 ext 6.

MEDICATION INCIDENT ANALYSIS

As a part of Phase II of the pilot project, a multi-incident analysis was conducted by ISMP Canada on medication incidents associated with patient harm since the initiation of COMPASS™. ISMP Canada analyzed 38 HARM incidents reported by COMPASS™ pharmacies to the CPhIR (Community Pharmacy Incident Reporting) system from September 2013 to October 2015 and created a YouTube presentation to help prevent potential harm incidents. The presentation describes how and why harm incidents occur, where pharmacy staff can improve patient safety and gave recommendations on how to prevent incidents that lead to harm.

In total there were 42 incidents that had led to patient harm, of which 38 met the inclusion criteria for this presentation. The main categories of incidents were: identified as incorrect patient, incorrect drug product, incorrect dose/frequency, incorrect duration of therapy, omitted drug therapy (compliance packaging and regular dispensing) and allergy not documented or alert overridden.

Two main sources of errors involved high alert medications and compliance packaging. Pharmacists are encouraged to include their patients as active participants in their health care by keeping them involved and knowledgeable about their medications. To help reduce the number of medication errors, the presentation proposed a system-based solutions process, more attention to high-alert medications and compliance packaging, and increased patient involvement in care.

The information presented is relevant to all Saskatchewan pharmacies. The link to the YouTube presentation is https://youtu.be/Fdc_rH5kdT0 (Gin J., *Medication Incidents Associated with Patient Harm: A Multi-Incident Analysis*. ISMP Canada. December 2015).

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COMPASS™ STATISTICS

Statistical reports provide us with strong, numerical evidence of the value of the COMPASS™ program. These numbers are directly derived from the inputs provided by pilot pharmacies. Following are the statistics for incident reporting in the CPhIR (Community Pharmacy Incident Reporting) system from September 2013 (Phase I) until the end of February 2016.

To date there have been **5104** incidents reported on the CPhIR system.

A breakdown of the top four types of incidents include:

- 1218 incidents with an incorrect dose/frequency
- 919 incidents where the incorrect quantity was dispensed
- 741 incidents that involved an incorrect drug
- 449 incidents that involved an incorrect prescriber

The majority or **4215** of these incidents had an outcome of NO ERROR, which means the incidents were intercepted BEFORE they reached the patient.

841 were no harm incidents, which means the incidents reached the patient, but did not cause harm.

There were **49** reported incidents that did result in HARM. Information from ISMP Canada indicated that 45 were MILD and four were MODERATE harm.

64 pharmacies completed or started their online data entry for the MSSA.

82 quarterly meetings were held.

Making pharmacy practice safer is a great place to start to ensure patients receive the best care possible.

Supplementary Policy – Administering Drugs by Injection

SCPP has released a new document called *Supplementary Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Pharmacists in the Administration of Drugs by Injection*.

The document supplements SCPP's earlier policy statement and communications that asked pharmacists to hold administering vaccines other than the influenza vaccine until further notice. It is now permissible for pharmacists to administer these vaccines according to the guidance provided in our supplementary policy statement.

One issue that remains outstanding is the reporting of vaccinations to the patient's immunization record. SCPP is working on the protocols and will provide further guidance as soon as possible once they are finalized. Until then, except for influenza vaccinations, members are asked to retain administration records as required by the bylaws in a readily retrievable format to be used when the reporting protocols are provided.

The document can be found on the SCPP website at www.saskpharm.ca, or by [clicking here](#).



Membership Renewals are Around the Corner!

To ensure that we have all the correct information for your membership renewal, please inform the College if your email address, mailing address or place of employment has changed since the last renewal.

These changes can be made by using your member log-in on the SCPP website at www.saskpharm.ca.

Remember: It is your responsibility to keep personal information current and up to date with the College. It is also your responsibility to inform the College of any changes to your place of employment. This information helps SCPP determine electoral divisions and keeps members informed of urgent matters.

Pharmacy Technicians – Waiver of the Registration Limit

As we have begun registering pharmacy technicians, SCPP is aware that some of the 2015 graduating class from a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician program, such as the Saskatchewan Polytechnic program, through no fault of their own, are having difficulty meeting the one-year limit for graduates to register as members.

From the Regulatory Bylaws:

Part D 3. Any person who has

...

(3) recently graduated from a pharmacy technician training program referred to in section 3(a) of Part D, application for registration as a member must be made within one year after the applicant has graduated. Under extenuating circumstances Council may extend this time limit according to the terms and conditions prescribed by Council.

The Structured Practical Training (SPT) processes, which include the Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA) and Structured Practical Training and Assessment (SPTA), were

implemented in September 2015 and are being administered by Saskatchewan Polytechnic. CCAPP-accredited program graduates are required to complete the SPTA process, which may take up to six months. While graduates normally have 12 months to complete the process, some students graduating in the first year under the new Act are having difficulties meeting the one-year deadline.

For example, not all employers have finalized their processes within their workplace to allow candidates to begin their SPT. As well, one pharmacy may have a number of pharmacy technician candidates to move through the SPT process, which may take additional time due to workflow.

Council has discussed these challenges and decided the requirement for a new graduate to register within one year of graduation will be waived for the 2015 graduating class only. The ruling applies to any CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician training program. The 2015 graduating class will follow the same time requirement as the upcoming 2016 graduates.

Pharmacy Technicians – Waiver of CEU Requirement

The continuing education requirement (CEU) for all pharmacists' annual renewal is that pharmacists must maintain a learning portfolio and obtain a minimum of 15 CEUs each year.

Since Bill 151 was proclaimed into force, SCPP has licensed a number of pharmacy technicians. Currently, there are few continuing education courses dedicated to pharmacy technicians. CCCEP is considering how pharmacy technician CEU options can be increased.

However, since no pharmacy technicians were members prior to November 2015, there has not yet been a full year for pharmacy technicians to earn CEUs.

Therefore, Council has decided that the requirement for a pharmacy technician member to attain 15 CEUs for the upcoming 2016-2017 membership renewal (June 1, 2016) be waived for this year only. All members will be expected to have attained 15 CEUs for the 2017-2018 membership renewal (June 1, 2017), regardless of when they completed the licensure requirements and became members.

Join Us on SCPP Facebook Group

Available only to SCPP members who request access, the “secret” group is a secure way to convey information and ask questions. All SCPP members who are active on Facebook are encouraged to join the group for timely event, news and professional updates.

Due to anti-spam legislation, events with an associated cost are not able to be posted in the newsletter, but are posted *exclusively* on this Facebook group site and on the SCPP website.

SCPP's Facebook group has covered breaking news stories, important drug schedule changes, upcoming events, relevant continuing education opportunities, current award

nominations and frequently asked questions. Members are encouraged to take an active role in the group and are able to post items they think will benefit the community and to comment on posts.

To join the group, email info@saskpharm.ca with “Join SCPP Members Group” in the subject line.

Please include a **first and last name, licence number** and a **personal email address** in the body of the email. An invitation to join the group will be sent via Facebook. Participants can leave the group at any time.

2016 Budget Summary

Council approved the following 2016 budget and fee schedule on February 25, 2016.

Schedule of Approved Fees, Charges & Expense Reimbursement						
Fees - Registration and Other	Effective Date	Actual 2015	Actual 2016	Difference	Change	
Registration - In Province						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 250.00	New		N/A
Registration - Out of Province						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 735.00	\$ 735.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 370.00	New		N/A
Locum Tenens	Apr. 1/16	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00	0.00		0.00%
Dispensing Physicians	Apr. 1/16	\$ 845.00	\$ 845.00	0.00		0.00%
Intern						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 60.00	New		N/A
Appraisal Training						
Application fee						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 230.00	\$ 230.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 115.00	New		N/A
Assessment Fee						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 360.00	New		N/A
Re-Instatement						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 135.00	New		N/A
Jurisprudence Exam						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 145.00	New		N/A
Lock & Leave	Apr. 1/16	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	0.00		0.00%
Permit Amendment	Apr. 1/16	\$ 280.00	\$ 270.00	-10.00		(3.57%)
Late Payment						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 255.00	\$ 255.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 125.00	New		N/A
Second Pre-Opening Inspection	Apr. 1/16	\$ 755.00	\$ 755.00	0.00		0.00%
MEMBERSHIP AND PERMIT FEES						
Practising						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 990.00	\$ 995.00	5.00		0.50%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 500.00	New		N/A
Non-Practising						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 885.00	\$ 890.00	5.00		0.56%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 445.00	New		N/A
Associate						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 160.00	\$ 165.00	5.00		3.03%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 80.00	New		N/A
Retired						
Pharmacist	Apr. 1/16	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	0.00		0.00%
Technician	Apr. 1/16	\$ -	\$ 35.00	New		N/A
Pharmacy	Dec. 1/16	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,450.00	25.00		1.72%
Satellite Pharmacy	Dec. 1/16	\$ 717.50	\$ 730.00	12.50		1.71%
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT						
Per Diem	Feb. 25/16	\$ 225.00	\$ 230.00	5.00		2.17%
Meal Allowance	Feb. 25/16	\$ 120.00	\$ 125.00	5.00		4.00%
Travel per Km	Feb. 25/16	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.48	0.01		2.08%

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The 2016 budget predicts a surplus of \$46,125. Highlights from the budget:

- Inflationary increases are based upon the Consumer Price Index increase of 2.1% as of December 2015
- Regulatory Priorities
 - Statutory obligations and programs
 - ◆ Registration and licensing with in1touch system (pharmacists and pharmacy technicians)
 - ◆ Complaints management, discipline, special investigations and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and Fitness to Practise Committee process
 - ◆ Prescriptive Authority, administration of drugs and other routes and accessing/ordering lab tests
 - Continue learning portfolio for pharmacists and develop process for pharmacy technicians
 - Continue developing the primary care role of the pharmacist by continuing the contract with our primary health care coordinator
 - Continue Council priorities on primary care and quality to include refining the revisions to our pharmacy and professional practice evaluation procedures and concluding the COMPASS™ pilot

- Continue governance, strategic and operational plans
- Sustained growth in number of members and no growth in number of pharmacies
- All other programs are retained with sustained Committee activity to ensure timely decisions
- Includes the costs of communication strategy, website, social media and secure network improvements with transition to external server hosting
- Increase in per diem, meal and mileage allowances
- Continue routine building repairs. Extensive renovations/relocation to be planned and budgeted separately using cash, building and capital reserves
- Refer to the above schedule for details on fee changes
- Continue costs for contributing data to Saskatchewan Health Registry; CIHI Pharmacist Human Resource Database and to the NAPRA International Pharmacy Graduate (IPG) Portal
- Continue resources to the Prescription Review Program

Further information is available from the SPCPP office.

Advanced Method Certificate Renewal

Annual Re-Application for Advanced Method Certification

Only pharmacists who have applied for and been granted advanced method certification are authorized to administer drugs by injection and other routes. Those pharmacists who have not yet been certified can submit their original application as soon as they have met the requirements.

Pharmacists who would like to continue providing injections must re-apply for certification annually. This step has been built into the membership renewal process.

Remember that you must have valid Standard First Aid and CPR Level C with AED (must be renewed every three years) before you can re-apply for Advanced Method Certification. You need to be *both* trained and certified to practise in this scope.

The Requirement of a Minimum of One Injection Per Year to Maintain the Advanced Method Certification

Upon the recommendation of the Professional Practice Committee, Council has waived the requirement for a pharmacist to give a minimum of one injection per year to maintain their Advanced Method Certificate for the **2016-2017 membership year only**.

Changes to the Renewal Process

“Conditions” on the Practising Licence

Beginning with the 2016-2017 membership renewal, a pharmacist licence will now indicate “conditions” where the relevant training is not in place.

From the Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act:

Authorized practices

*23(2) A licensed pharmacist, licensed pharmacy technician or intern practising under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist or a licensed pharmacy technician may, **subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions** of that person's licence, perform all or any of the following practices:*

...

On the 2016-2017 annual licence, such “**conditions**” will be indicated on the pharmacist licence with an explanation on the membership card:

- (A) - Advanced Method Certification (injections and other routes) – certification
- (E) - Emergency Post-Coital Contraception (EPC) – training
- (M)- Minor Ailments Prescribing (when working in a non self-care environment, i.e hospital practice) - training

A “condition” on one's licence indicates that the individual member **is not authorized** to provide that particular service. Once proof of training/certification is approved by CPDP, SPCPP will remove the condition and a new licence will be issued.

“From the Desk of the Dean,” March 2016



Dr. Kishor Wasan

College of Pharmacy and Nutrition: Proud of Our Tradition and Home of Research and Practice Innovation

For the latest news from the College, visit our website:
<http://www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition>.

The fast pace continues at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, and I couldn't be more proud of our people. Our faculty have been earning prestigious awards and appointments, while our students have demonstrated their professionalism and motivation. Here are some of the highlights since my last report:

MAC wins national patient care award

Congratulations to the Medication Assessment Centre on winning the Patient Care Enhancement Award from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. MAC received the award based on their submission, which highlighted how the centre provides easy access for patients to medication assessments while helping both health care professionals and students learn more about medication therapy. [Read the story.](#)



Pledge of Professionalism Ceremony

On Thursday, January 28, the inaugural First Year Pledge Ceremony was held in the Health Sciences lecture theatre. Both pharmacy and nutrition students recited their pledges in front of their peers to demonstrate their commitment to professionalism in their education and careers. These pledges were written by the students to reflect their values when it comes to professionalism. The framed pledges are displayed in the Thorvaldson Building's display cases near the Arts walkway.

Appointments

Congratulations to **Dr. Charity Evans** who is the new Director of Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists. We would like to thank **Dr. Linda Suveges** for her years of service to this position and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jane Alcorn** who has been re-elected to the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences Board of Directors for 2016.

International Year of the Pulses media coverage

The Canadian Press wire service interviewed **Dr. Carol Henry** ahead the United Nations International Year of the Pulses kickoff. The story was carried by dozens of television stations, radio stations and newspapers across the country on Wednesday, January 6. [Read the article.](#)

Alumni Events

We're preparing for the spring conference season and happy to report that our traditional alumni events will be back for another year:

- PAS Conference Dessert – Friday, April 29, after the SCPP Opening Awards Banquet
- Dietitians of Canada Conference – Friday, June 10, 7 p.m., Delta Winnipeg. Details to follow.
- Sask Night at the Canadian Pharmacists Association Conference – Friday, June 24 in Calgary. Details to follow.

The Dean's Tour will also continue this year, and we'll visit local pharmacists and alumni outside of Saskatoon. Details to follow.

Make sure to join the College for one of the above events this year. We'd love to reconnect with alumni from across the country, and hear the stories of your successes.

Kish Wasan, R.Ph, Ph.D, FAAPS, FCSPS, FCAHS
Professor and Dean

Canadian Pharmacists Conference 2016

Save the date!

June 24 to 27, 2016 - Calgary, AB

Jointly presented by the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) and the Alberta Pharmacists' Association (RxA).

Host Venues:

The Hyatt Regency Hotel and the Calgary Telus Convention Centre.



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Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Examination Dates

Schedule of Examinations for Pharmacists

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Spring Pharmacist Qualifying Examination	MCQ: May 24 & 25, 2016	Registration Closed
	OSCE: May 29, 2016	
Summer Pharmacist Evaluating Examination	July 5 & 6, 2016	Registration Closed
Fall Pharmacist Qualifying Examination	MCQ: Nov 9 & 10, 2016	August 12, 2016
	OSCE: Nov 12, 2016	
Winter Pharmacist Evaluating Examination	January 4 & 5, 2017	September 30, 2016

Schedule of Examinations for Pharmacy Technicians

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Winter Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination	OSPE: Apr 2, 2016	Registration Closed
	MCQ: Apr 3, 2016	
Spring Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination	April 24, 2016	Registration Closed
Summer Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination	OSPE: September 10, 2016	June 10, 2016
	MCQ: September 11, 2016	
Fall Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination	October 15, 2016	June 24, 2016

*Applications must be RECEIVED by the PEBC office no later than the application deadline date

Mark your calendars now!

105th Annual General Meeting

AGENDA

April 30, 2016 – 10:15 a.m.

Elkridge Resort, Waskesiu, Saskatchewan

President: Bill Gerla

Registrar: Ray Joubert

- 1.0 President's Welcome
- 2.0 Introduction of Councillors and Special Guests
- 3.0 Motion to Accept 2015 Minutes as Printed and Distributed
- 4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes
- 5.0 Memorial to Deceased Members
- 6.0 Reports
 - 6.1 President's Annual Report
 - 6.2 Registrar's Report
 - 6.3 Auditor's Report/Report of the Finance and Audit Committee
 - 6.4 Consideration of Annual Report as Printed and Distributed
 - 6.5 College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Report
- 7.0 New Business
- 8.0 Adjournment

