



**ADMINISTRATION OF  
DRUGS BY INJECTION  
AND OTHER ROUTES**

## Administration of Drugs by Injections and Other Routes

We are pleased to announce that Bill 151 is proclaimed in force effective October 5, 2015. The Bill is “An Act to amend *The Pharmacy Act, 1996* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.” Amongst other things, the Bill:

1. Changes the name of the Act to “*The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act*;
2. Changes our name to the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP); and authorizes:
  - a. SCPP to regulate pharmacy technicians as licensed members practicing in an independent defined scope of practice with title protection;
  - b. Pharmacists to administer drugs by injection and other routes; and,
  - c. Pharmacists to access, order, perform, use or interpret medical laboratory tests.

### Bill 151

It states, in part:

*“23(3) A licensed pharmacist who meets the qualifications set out in this Act and the bylaws, may, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions on that licensed pharmacist’s licence, perform all or any of the following practices:*

- (a) Prescribe and administer drugs in accordance with the bylaws made pursuant to this Act and the regulations made pursuant to section 52...”*

(Important: Section 52 regulations establish prescription and non-prescription drug schedules I, II and III)

Bylaws, and a policies, standards and guidelines document have been posted on the SCPP website that regulate how pharmacists administer drugs. This includes establishing the qualifications required of pharmacists to administer drugs and limiting practice if those qualifications are not met.

### Bylaws

The bylaws are summarized as follows:

1. Require pharmacists to obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Level C with AED and other training as specified by Council;
2. Allow administration of drugs orally, including sublingual and buccal, topically, including ophthalmic, otic and intranasal, and via inhalation;
3. Allow “advanced method” administration of drugs, including vaccines, upon certification by the Registrar’s office. These methods include subcutaneous or intramuscular injection;
4. Specify the age limits for the administration of vaccines and other drugs;
5. “Advanced Method” certification must be renewed annually;
6. Expect pharmacists to report the administration of any Schedule II drug via advanced method to the patient’s primary care practitioner; and

7. Specify record keeping requirements:

- a. the patient's name and address;
- b. the name of the drug and total dose administered;
- c. for an advanced method or vaccination by any method, identification of the manufacturer, lot number and expiry date of the drug;
- d. for an advanced method, the route of administration and the location on the body where the drug was administered;
- e. the name of the licensed pharmacist administering the drug;
- f. the date and the time of administration;
- g. any adverse events; and,
- h. the price, if there is a charge for administration.

### **Advanced Method Certification Requirements - Injection**

1. CCCEP (two-staged) Competency-Mapped Accreditation training program, plus the Saskatchewan specific module;
2. Prerequisites for the completion of the CCCEP (two-staged) Competency-Mapped Accreditation training programs are current Standard First Aid and CPR Level C with AED. They can be taken at any time up to the live, practical skills training module. In other words, you must have current Standard First Aid and CPR Level C by the time you take the live session;
3. Immunization (up-to-date Hepatitis B) is not mandatory but is strongly recommended;
4. Application to the SCPP office;
5. Payment of the certification fee (waived for 2015-2016 membership year. Council will review) and,
6. Annual renewal, where members self-declare having given at least one injection during the past year along with current or up-to-date immunization, Standard First Aid and CPR Level C with AED training. Otherwise, re-training will be required.

**Other Training Requirements:** For routes of administration other than by injection, SCPP Council policy is to rely upon your ethical responsibilities for being competent before offering any service. This means using your self-directed learning strategies to assure you are competent in the relevant route of administration. If you are not confident in your abilities, we expect that you should use your learning portfolio to identify and meet your learning needs.

The "Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Pharmacists in the Administration of Drugs by Injection and Other Routes" document can be found on the SCPP website under the "Injections & Other Routes" tab.

FAQs related to injections will soon be available on the SCPP website under the "Injections & Other Routes" tab.



## Questions and Answers

### 1. What is CCCEP (two-staged) Competency-Mapped Accreditation?

CCCEP maps the training program against the NAPRA approved competencies (14 PHAC competencies for administering vaccines plus the 15th supplementary NAPRA competency for administering other drugs). This provides assurance that the training program addresses all of the competencies relating to the administration by injection of vaccines and other drugs. The [NAPRA competencies can be found here](#).

Regardless of the number of modules that a training provider offers, it is important to be certain that the program is CCCEP (two-staged) Competency-Mapped Accredited. In addition, everyone being trained must take the Saskatchewan-specific module available only from CPDP at this time. Please contact the CPDP office prior to registering for any course.

### 2. Isn't this training more than we need for administering flu vaccines?

Yes. However, Council has decided that training is required for the full scope of injection practice because the competencies for vaccines and other drugs are inter-related with sufficiently similar skills and standards of care. We are also following the experience of other provinces where this scope of practice has been introduced which facilitates, amongst other things, mobility and use of the skills in those provinces.

Nevertheless, this training will mean that pharmacists are also prepared to respond to government's priority of being ready to administer flu vaccinations for the 2015-16 season.

### 3. Where can I take the training?

We recommend taking the training offered by CPDP as it meets all of our requirements. For more information see the [program announcement here](#).

Consult with CPDP about future training opportunities if you are unable to take the training this year.

### 4. Can I take the training from another provider? What if I have already been trained?

We will recognize training that is CCCEP (two-staged) Competency-Mapped Accredited. But in addition, everyone must take the Saskatchewan-specific module available only from CPDP at this time.

### 5. Why is the Saskatchewan-specific module required?

We are intending to align access to vaccinations from pharmacies with the Saskatchewan Immunization Program, including publicly funded vaccines. Therefore it is important for you to know all of the elements of this program, especially those that are unique to Saskatchewan. The module to cover issues such as target populations, protocols, limitations, vaccine supplies, record keeping and reporting. Questions related to billing requirements can be directed to the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan (PAS).

### 6. Will we be paid for these services and how?

Please contact PAS or The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) regarding payment for the delivery of flu shots.

## **7. Where can I obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Level C with AED training?**

Information is available by contacting CPDP at 306-966-6350 or [cpdp@usask.ca](mailto:cpdp@usask.ca).

## **8. What are the training requirements for routes of administration other than by injection?**

Council policy is to rely upon your ethical responsibilities for being competent before offering any service. This means using your self-directed learning strategies to assure you are competent in the relevant route of administration. If you are not confident in your abilities, we expect that you should use your learning portfolio to identify and meet your learning needs.

You will be issued a restricted licence on condition that restrictions will be lifted when you are certified.

## **9. Will meeting the training or certification requirements be mandatory for licensure?**

Not at this time, but these requirements must be met if you intend to practice within that scope. Council is deferring any final decision until we gain more experience in this area.

## **Glossary of Acronyms**

AED	Automated External Defibrillator
CCCEP	Canadian Council for Continuing Education in Pharmacy
CPDP	Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists Unit, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan
CPR	Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation
DPEBB	The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch
NAPRA	National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities
PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
PAS	Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan



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