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### PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

It is indeed an honor to accept the responsibility of President of SPhA. As I look back at the list of presidents before me it is like the starting line up for an NHL All Star hockey game. Wow! And of course Janet Bradshaw would be Wayne Gretzky.

I would especially like to thank Brenda for the leadership she has provided over the past year. She has injected vast amounts of energy, enthusiasm and professionalism into her role. I would also like to thank the other council members, past and present, Ray and the SPhA staff, for their support and encouragement along the way.

WHY DO WE EXIST? Our vision tells us "Quality Pharmacy Care in Saskatchewan". Our mission includes ends policies such as "public safety, standard pharmacy services, a self-regulated profession, a positive professional image, optimum use of pharmacy services and public policy supporting health". BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN? I believe as a regulatory body we are attempting to provide you an environment so you are able to deliver your knowledge and services to your patients while interacting in a meaningful way with your fellow health care professionals. At the end of the day, if we as pharmacists have had a positive impact on the health care system in our little part of the world, then we should feel very good about the job we have done.

I look ahead to the opportunities before us with great excitement. We will be receiving prescriptive authority through the consultation and dispensing of emergency contraception, a new role in the eyes of our patients. This could serve as a springboard to further opportunities to play an even greater role in primary health services.

We anticipate the new energy and enthusiasm our name change to "The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists" will bring. This is an ideal time to renew our focus and commitment to delivering optimum pharmaceutical care.

We, as a council, will challenge ourselves to find new and better ways to deal with the fiscal challenges through the framework of policy governance.

This year will mark the first full year of the learning portfolio. We will embark on the early phases of the continuing competency program.



Through enhanced dialogue with RBSP, the SMA, the College of Physicians and Surgeons and other stakeholders, we will find opportunities to move the profession forward.

Regulating a new and rapidly evolving Internet Pharmacy area will be an ongoing project.

One of the most exciting directions Council has taken is its commitment to dialogue with our end users. Talking with our seniors, our First Nations people and other public groups has given us a unique perspective on how we can continue to improve our services.

I'd like to use the analogy of where we are and where we are going to that of a trip from Moose Jaw to Regina. We all have this common passion to travel as a group to a place we've never been. We've heard testimonials of what a great place it is and this causes much excitement and anticipation. The vehicle we are using is quite

unique. It's a car that holds over 1000 passengers and each passenger has a steering wheel. We are currently travelling in the 2003/04 RBSP/SPhA model. Where are we on the road? With all that has happened recently, it feels like we are on the outskirts of Moose Jaw, the 110 km/hr sign is in front of us and we are accelerating rapidly. The engine is performing well, the drivers are focused. However the trip does not come without risks. There are many pot holes in the road (one called NIHB consent) and it doesn't appear the highway department is prepared to fix it. Like any other trip there are many other barriers and roadblocks. With patience, desire, collaboration and innovation we will overcome these. It is important to note we can't afford to stop and fill up with gas six or seven times along the way this year. Will we be in Regina by next year? Probably not – however we will be well on the way and enjoying the ride. Is Regina the final destination? Definitely not! Once we get to Regina it may be necessary to stop for lunch and tune up our vehicle, but our desire to explore will motivate us to get back in our car, look at the map and continue the journey.

Our profession is truly dynamic and touches almost every person in Saskatchewan. It gives me great comfort when I see and hear about the outstanding job you are doing in your community. I am especially excited about the new graduates entering our profession each year — their new ideas and enthusiasm is contagious. I am confident when I say, "our profession is in good hands".

I am proud to serve the people and pharmacists of Saskatchewan in the capacity of President of the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association (soon to be the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists). Please feel free to contact me at any time. Your input and participation is valued and appreciated.

Randy Wiser

#### SPHA COUNCIL 2003-04

Division 1
Jeannette Sandiford, Weyburn (term expires June 30, 2005)

Division 2 Vacant (term expires June 30, 2004)

Division 3
Randy Wiser, Prince Albert
(term expires June 30, 2005)
President

Division 4
Doug Spitzig, Saskatoon
(term expires June 30, 2004)

Divison 5
Bill Paterson, Regina
(term expires June 30, 2005)
President-Elect

Division 6
Corry MacWilliam, Swift Current
(term expires June 30, 2004)

Division 7
Debbie McCulloch
(term expires June 30, 2005)
Vice-President

Division 8 Brenda Schuster, Regina (term expires June 30, 2004) Past President

> Ex Officio Dean Dennis Gorecki

Public May Bridgewater Lavonne Heck

Student Observer Christine Woo

### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Council met in Moose Jaw on Friday May 2, 2003, prior to the opening of the RBSP 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference.

As the mandate of the SPhA is protection of the public, it is imperative that we communicate with the public to determine what are their needs, and expectations of the profession. Within the policy GP-11 Council Linkage with Ownership, one aspect is "Collection of input from the community may be accomplished through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, public meetings, surveys and focus groups."

In an attempt to reach members of the public, an advertisement was published in the Moose Jaw Times Herald inviting members of the public to attend a round table discussion with Council on the question "How can your pharmacists help you manage your medications better?" Unfortunately, we were unable to attract the public's attention. This has not deterred Council, who will look at other means of seeking information from the ownership.

Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations whose portfolio is Health and Social Development met with Council to discuss mutual issues of interest regarding how can we work together to achieve healthy outcomes from drug therapy for First Nations peoples. Naturally the NIHB Consent Initiative was discussed, and the implications of implementation.

When asked what the profession can do to meet the health needs of First Nations people Vice Chief Joseph suggested that we be accessible to the community, go on the reserves, get to know the people and let them know you. Offer advice or guidance whether to the individual patient or speak to the health directors and health staff at the band level. They want to work with the profession to improve health outcomes for their residents.

During the last Council meeting, representatives from the **Health Quality Council** presented their vision of the future. At the end of the presentation they had invited Council to submit ideas and priorities to assist in setting the Health Quality Council Agenda. Council responded by identifying the following topics that the Quality Council be asked to add to their agenda:

- 1. Blame Free for Error Reporting
  - a process to focus on causes and solutions to systems errors without assigning blame to an individual
- 2. Best Practices
  - promoting the most effective practises
- 3. Integrated Drug Use Management System
  - promoting strategies to coordinate drug use management initiatives to achieve similar outcomes
- 4. Seamless Care
  - improving the quality of information shared within the system
- 5. Primary Health Care
- examining professional scopes of practice and roles to optimize delivery
   Council held their election of officers during the meeting. For the 2003-2004 licence year the following is the SPhA Executive:

President Randy Wiser Division 3
Past President Brenda Schuster Division 8
President-Elect Bill Paterson Division 5
Vice-President Debbie McCulloch Division 7

There remains one vacancy on Council, that for Division 2. As this seat has been vacant for one year and the call for nominees was unsuccessful Council felt that other measures must be considered. Council approved an administrative bylaw which became effective on May 2, 2003 to address this issue. Please refer to page 3 in this publication.

Other **appointments** made during the meeting are: Janet Bradshaw was re-appointed to a one year term on the NAPRA Council. With Janet's retirement from the SPhA Council, in accordance with the Act, she could no longer sit as Chair of the Complaints Committee. Council appointed Bill Paterson Chair of the Committee; his term began July 1, 2003.

CSHP Sask Branch representatives, Dr. Brenda Schuster and Melanie McLeod presented the CSHP Position on Prescriptive Authority for Pharmacists to Council. The presentation was in respect to collaborative prescribing for patient care in hospital settings. Several examples of such practise exist throughout the province, supporting the need to formalize collaborative practice agreements in place.

The proclamation of Bill 22, "An Act to Amend *The Pharmacy Act*, 1996", is expected to occur soon. The amendments achieve three goals:

- 1. Change the name of SPhA to "The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists";
- 2. Recognize our authority to disburse the "check-off" funds for alternative reimbursement to the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists; and,
- 3. Grant Council the authority to make bylaws governing the prescribing of drugs by pharmacists.

At the same time that the Act amendments become law, we expect that amendments to the Drug Schedules Regulations, 1997 will become effective, legally recognizing the pharmacist as a prescriber of emergency post-coital contraception.

In the meantime, Council has submitted bylaws for the Minister's approval that specifically authorize the conditions under which pharmacists may prescribe and dispense emergency contraception without a prescription from a physician. We expect the Minister's approval to be simultaneous with proclamation of the Act amendments.

Upon approval and publication of the bylaws in the Saskatchewan Gazette, Saskatchewan pharmacists who have successfully completed approved training, will be authorized to prescribe emergency contraception. Approved programs include those provided by Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacists, College of Pharmacy & Nutrition, and the Canadian Pharmacists Association. If you have participated in one of the CPDP training programs that have been offered in 2003, and have not received notification from the SPhA office, please contact Shelley Mayoh at the office. Further announcements are forthcoming.

# ADMINISTRATIVE BYLAW AMENDMENT

The Council of this Association approved these amendments at a duly scheduled and convened meeting held May 2, 2003 to be effective on that date.

Bylaw 1.1.16

Where, for any reason, a vacancy occurs or a practising or non-practising member is not elected to the Council for an electoral division, the remaining members of the Council may appoint as a member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term, a practising or non-practising member who meets the qualifications specified in Bylaw 1.1.8.

Upon failure to appoint a member who meets the qualifications specified in Bylaw 1.1.8, Council may then appoint as a member of the Council for the unexpired portion of the term a practising or non-practising member from the membership at large.

### DRUG SCHEDULE AMENDMENTS

The Council of the Association, at a meeting duly convened on May 2, 2003 approved the following administrative drug schedule amendments recommended by the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee.

#### Schedule I Changes (prescription required)

 Nicotine and its salts (except in natural substances, or when sold as a chewing gum containing not more than the equivalent of 4 mg of nicotine per dosage unit, or when sold in transdermal patches with delivery rates of 22 mg per day or less, or when sold in a form to be administered orally by means of an inhalation device delivering 4 mg or less of nicotine per dosage unit).

This change allows new inhalation devices that meet this exception to be sold without a prescription.

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

Upon Council's approval the amendments were submitted to the Minister of Health for approval and became effective May 16, 2003, upon publication in the Saskatchewan Gazette.

### Schedule III changes (pharmacy only, public access)

#### Addition to Schedule III

 Nicotine in a form to be administered orally by means of an inhalation device delivering 4 mg or less of nicotine per dosage unit.

What this means is that Nicotine in a form to be administered

orally by means of an inhalation device delivering 4 mg or less of nicotine per dosage unit is now schedule III and can be sold from the public access area of the pharmacy.

#### Amend Schedule III to read

• Brompheniramine and its salts (as a single entity for the treatment of allergies)

What this means is that brompheniramine and its salts (in combination products for the relief of cough and cold symptoms) is now unscheduled and can be sold from any retail outlet.

 Acetaminophen in sustained release formulations (in strengths of greater than 650mg per unit or in package sizes of more than 50 units)

What this means is that acetaminophen in sustained release formulations (up to and including 650mg per unit, in package sizes containing no more than 50 units) is now unscheduled and can be sold from any retail outlet.

#### Delete from Schedule III

• Loperamide and its salts (in oral solid dosage forms)

This means that loperamide and its salts (in oral solid dosage forms) is now unscheduled and can be sold from any retail outlet.

The current Schedule II listing remains unchanged: "Loperamide and its salts (in oral liquid dosage forms for children)".

### REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- The following Regulatory Bylaw
   Amendment became effective
   July 18, 2003 upon publication
   in the Saskatchewan Gazette.

   12.1 At the discretion of the Registrar, a licensed pharmacist may be named as a pharmacy manager in more than one pharmacy.
   This is authorized in The Pharmacy Act, 1996. This bylaw reflects current practice which began under the former Act.
- 2. The following Regulatory Bylaw Amendment became effective August 1, 2003 upon publication in the Saskatchewan Gazette.
  - 4.6.1 (a) The Registrar-Treasurer shall issue a permit to the proprietor for each pharmacy that has met the requirements of the Act and bylaws. The seal of the Association shall be placed upon each permit, and all the said permits shall expire on the 30th day of June in each year. No permit shall be issued until the prescribed application form(s), the annual or other applicable fee, together with any surcharge applicable thereto, and all arrears of the applicant, shall have been remitted to the office of the Registrar-Treasurer.

(b) The Proprietary Pharmacy Permit is granted subject to the Proprietor and the pharmacy 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, term 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 to a location outside of Canada by mail, courier, or otherwise, in circumstances where the Internet is used directly or indirectly as a means to promote the pharmacy's services associated with such shipment or the sale of drugs associated with such shipment.

LICENCE/PERMIT RENEWAL SUN	MARY AS	OF JULY 1	
MEMBERSHIPS	2001	2002	2003
Practising Members	1083	1067	1116
(32 Conditional Practising Memberships			
are included in the following)			
Community	782	795	860
Hospital	153	149	171
Out of Province	40	32	33
Other	108	91	52
Non-Practising Members	85	68	66
Associate	125	111	105
Retired	87	82	80
TOTAL Membership	1380	1328	1367
Membership Terminations	134	107	75
PHARMACIES			
Community			
Chain	125	122	129
Independent	211	209	202
Satellite	14	15	16
Internet	0	0	1
Dispensing Physician (1)	7	7	8
Publicly Operated	1	1	1
TOTAL Pharmacies	358	354	357
NOTES: (1) One Dispensing Physician operates two pharma	cies/clinics		

2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP YEAR (JULY 1 – JUNE 30)													
REGISTRATIONS/CHANGES/TERMINATIONS													
REGISTRATION	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
New SK Grads – Practising	22	2	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	35
New SK Grads – NonPrac.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Conditional Practising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	23	32
Out of Prov – MRA-SK Grad	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	3	2	2	15
Out of Prov – MRA	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	7
Non MRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Reinstatement MRA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHANGES	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
NonPractising to Practising	0	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	17
TERMINATIONS	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Removed from Register for Non Payment Fees or													
By Request	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	75
6 Month Membership	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Deceased	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
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We now have a new membership subclass, the Conditional Practising membership. Council approved the Structured Practice Experiences Program (SPEP), which is now part of the curriculum at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, as equivalent to the 1040 hour internship registration requirement. Along with other conditions, the Conditional Practicing membership allows the graduate to practice under the supervision of a pharmacist until such time as he/she provides proof of holding the Certification of Qualification from the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada. At that time the conditions are lifted and the member is granted full licence status. For more information on the Conditional Practising membership please review the new Bylaws when they arrive in your pharmacy or they can be accessed on-line on the NAPRA website <a href="https://www.napra.ca">www.napra.ca</a> under the Saskatchewan section.

#### DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE FINDING AND ORDERS

On February 12, 2003 the Discipline Committee convened to consider charges of professional and proprietary misconduct and professional incompetence on the part of the respondents, University Park Pharmacy Limited and Mr. S.D. Johnsrude.

The Discipline Committee accepted Mr. Johnsrude's admission of professional misconduct and proprietary misconduct and was provided with an Agreed Statement of Facts, which formed the basis of his admission, summarized as follows:

- Contrary to section G.03.010 of Part G, Division 1 of The Food and Drug Regulations they did fail to retain for a period of at least two years, copies of certain prescriptions for controlled drugs.
- On numerous and diverse occasions, Mr. Johnsrude dispensed controlled drugs beyond three days of the date of the issuance of the relevant prescriptions contrary to the requirements of the Triplicate Prescription Program.
- 3. On numerous and diverse occasions, Mr. Johnsrude did dispense and refill prescriptions for controlled drugs without the authorization of the prescriber contrary to section G.03.006 of Part G, Division I of *The Food and Drug Regulations* by:
- a) filling and refilling prescriptions for longer than authorized by the prescriber
- b) altering the strengths and combinations of prescriptions for controlled drugs;
- c) altering the quantities when dispensing refills for controlled drugs;
- d) dispensing prescriptions for controlled drugs prior to the date the prescription was written.
- 4. On numerous and diverse occasions while dispensing controlled drugs, Mr. Johnsrude continued to fill and dispense existing repeats although presented with a new prescription for the controlled drugs.
- 5. Mr. Johnsrude dispensed a narcotic, without the authorization of the prescriber.
- On numerous and diverse occasions Mr. Johnsrude did "log" or defer dispensing prescriptions for narcotics

and dispensed the narcotics beyond three days of the date of issuance of the prescription contrary to the requirements of the Triplicate Prescription Program.

Most matters before the Committee proceeded by agreement between the Complaints Committee and the Respondents. All parties are to be commended for this. The Discipline Committee considers the charges to be quite serious and in the circumstances agreed with the position taken by the Complaints Committee. The Discipline Committee also took specific note of the fact that matters generally proceeded before it by way of agreement and consensus, and considered this to be a mitigating factor in favour of the Respondents, that justified the penalty recommended by the Complaints Committee.

The Discipline Committee made the following orders pursuant to sections 34 and 35 of the Act:

- 1. Mr. Johnsrude is reprimanded;
- 2. Mr. Johnsrude shall prepare a policy and procedural manual regarding dispensing of Narcotic and Controlled Drugs and the record keeping requirements established by legislation as to narcotics and controlled drugs and the Triplicate Prescription Program established by the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association (the "Association"), the College of Physician and Surgeons and the College of Dental Surgeons. The manual will reference the legislative requirements and the procedures in place to meet those requirements within the pharmacy or any other pharmacy in which Mr. Johnsrude is the pharmacy manager.

Further it is ordered that Mr. Johnsrude shall produce and deliver this manual to the Association field officer within 45 days of this Order, or such further period of time as may be agreed to between Mr. Johnsrude and the Field Officer of the Association. Once the manual is reviewed by the Field Officer and any changes discussed with Mr. Johnsrude, the final approved version of the manual must be available to all pharmacists who practice at the pharmacy or any other pharmacy in which Mr.

Johnsrude is or may become the pharmacy manager.

- 3. Within 12 months of the date of the Order, a Field Officer of the Association will conduct at least two inspections of the pharmacy which may be either prearranged or unannounced and further:
- a) the costs of these inspections will be born by the pharmacy and the cost of each inspection shall be fixed in the amount of \$300.00, payable to the Association within 30 days of the date of each inspection.
- b) Mr. Johnsrude shall follow all recommendations set out by the Field Officer arising out of the inspections. However, and in the event of a disagreement between Mr. Johnsrude and the Field Officer as to the reasonableness of any recommendation, the Discipline Committee shall retain jurisdiction to assess the reasonableness of any recommendation.
- c) Mr. Johnsrude shall ensure that all pharmacists practising in any pharmacy in which he is the pharmacy manager shall adhere to and follow the Field Officer's recommendations.
- 4. The pharmacy and Mr. Johnsrude jointly and severally shall pay a fine to the Association in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid on or before August 1, 2003 and if such fine is not paid, the licence of Mr. Johnsrude and the proprietary pharmacy permit issued to the pharmacy shall be suspended until payment is made.
- 5. The pharmacy and Mr. Johnsrude, jointly and severally, shall pay a portion of the costs of the investigation and hearing in the fixed amount of \$7,000.00, with such amount to be paid on or before August 1, 2003. If such costs are not paid, the licence of D. Johnsrude and the proprietary pharmacy permits issued to the pharmacy shall be suspended until payment is made.
- A summary of the Discipline Committee decision, including the terms of this order and identification of the respondents, shall be printed by the Association in its newsletter.

#### **DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**

The new Disciplinary Process Bylaws have been approved and came into effect upon publication in the Saskatchewan Gazette on May 9, 2003. Copies of these bylaws will be included with the next Pharmacy Reference Manual updates that will be sent to each pharmacy in August – September.

Over the past couple of years there have been an increasing number of complaints with some resulting in a disciplinary hearing. Members have been contacting the office with questions about the process and the findings of the Discipline Committee. A brief explanation of the process would assist members should they receive a letter from the Complaints Committee.

Under the Act, the Complaints
Committee "is established consisting of at
least three persons appointed by Council,
including an elected councillor to be
chairperson and at least one licensed
pharmacist who is not a councillor".
Currently the Committee is made up of
six members (one of which is an elected
councillor and is the Committee Chair)
and one public member.

The Complaints Committee must investigate every written complaint received. However, if the complainant

does not submit a written complaint the Committee is not obligated to pursue an investigation and would only proceed if they felt that special circumstances existed to warrant such an investigation.

Any letter a member or proprietor received from the Committee will state an allegation of Professional Incompetence or Professional Misconduct or in the case of a proprietor, Proprietary Misconduct. These terms are defined in the Act and provide the Committee with the scope to conduct their investigation. While we understand that it is upsetting to receive a letter from the Complaints Committee, the Committee will always offer the member the opportunity to respond to the allegation. This is an important step in the peer review process. Upon conclusion of their investigation, the Committee has two choices, to find there is no further action required, or that the matter be referred to the Discipline Committee to hear and determine the formal complaint. With the new bylaws the Complaints Committee is able to refer the matter to any form of alternative dispute resolution. If upon conclusion of such, the complaint has not been resolved the committee will continue the investigation or if it is completed, write the report to the Discipline Committee recommending no further action, or that a hearing proceed. Where the Complaints Committee concludes no further action is needed, they must also report to the complainant, respondent and Council.

The Discipline Committee consists of a minimum of four licensed pharmacists, at least two of whom shall be elected councillors and one appointed councillor (a public member). No member of the Complaints Committee may sit on the Discipline Committee and no member of the Discipline Committee may sit on the Complaints Committee. Only information gathered during the investigation is provided to the Discipline Committee during the course of the hearing. The role of the Discipline Committee is to determine guilt (i.e. are the allegations sufficiently proven), and, if so, determine the penalty as authorized under the Act. The Discipline Committee must report their findings to the respondent, complainant and Council.

For detailed information regarding the disciplinary process, please refer to Bylaw 15.0 and 16.0 in the new bylaws to be sent to each pharmacy shortly.

### **COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND NUTRITION – CONVOCATION MAY 29, 2003**

On May 29, 2003 President Brenda Schuster was Master of Ceremonies for the SPhA annual Convocation Luncheon at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium held to recognize the 2003 graduands from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the University of Saskatchewan.

This year seventy-one students received the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy during the morning convocation ceremony. The luncheon program included greetings and congratulations from the Association, the Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists, and Dean Dennis Gorecki on behalf of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition.

This year Mr. Bill Paterson, Councillor for Division 5 and in-coming SPhA President-Elect presented the following:

The Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association Robert Martin Prize and Gold Medal to the most distinguished



Jade Rosin and Bill Anderson

graduate of the Class of 2003 – Jade Morena Rosin, Langenburg. The award is in honor of the late Robert Martin, the first Registrar of the North-West Territories Pharmaceutical Association (prior to the formation of the Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association). Jade has received many awards and scholarships throughout her college years while

achieving a four-year average of 91.9%. Congratulations Jade!

Jade will be practising at Townsend's Central Drugs in Wynyard.

The Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association Campbell Prize for the second most distinguished graduate of the Class of 2003 – Kimberly Ann Hogh, Lloydminster, Alberta. This award is in honor of the late Alexander Campbell, the first Dean of Pharmacy. Kim also received numerous awards and scholarships while enrolled in the College and graduates with a four-year average of 89.87%. Well done Kim.

Kim will be practising at Lorne Drugs in Regina.

We wish to take this opportunity to congratulate all of those who convocated in the Class of 2003. Welcome to the profession; we wish you all the best as you pursue your individual career paths.

### SPHA 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND RBSP CONFERENCE - MOOSE JAW SASKATCHEWAN - MAY 2-4, 2003

#### Class of 1953

During the opening reception of the 2<sup>nd</sup> RBSP Conference SPhA had the honor of recognizing many distinguished members, and former classmates of the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition (formerly the College of Pharmacy) at the U of S.

Registrar Ray Joubert introduced the members from the Class of 1953 in attendance. President Brenda Schuster presented each 50 year grad with a SPhA gold pin and a Golden Juiblee Certificate.

Front row from left to right: Forrest Pederson, Peggy Willoughby, Gordon Duff, Dorothy Miller, Harold McClelland. Back row from left to right: Garnet (Berry) Leckie, Ed Ortynsky, Scott Henders, Ray McKinley, Ken Ready.

#### 25 Year Reunion — the Class of '78

On Friday, May 2, 2003 the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition graduating class of 1978 was presented with the SPhA Silver Pin. While not large in numbers those in attendance enjoyed an evening of reminiscing and catching up.

From left to right: Kevin Ehman, Al Appenheimer, Debbie McCulloch (Blazek), Randy Wiser, Dawn Davis (Sundquist) and Darcy Stann.

#### **Honorary Life Member**

SPhA is pleased to grant an Honorary Life Membership to Ross Pinder of Saskatoon. This award is presented in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the profession of pharmacy as a practitioner, leader and volunteer, and his longstanding commitment to his community.

Ross graduated from the U of S with a Certificate in Pharmacy in 1939, and worked a year in the family drug business before joining the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1940. He went overseas to England in 1941 and at the end of the war, returned to Pinders Drugs in Saskatoon.

Pharmacy in Saskatchewan has felt the positive impact of his contribution of many years to the profession. From 1946-1990, he was President of Pinders Drugs, the largest retail pharmacy chain in Saskatchewan, with stores also in Alberta. Pinders was proud of its record to employ more U of S graduates than any other Saskatchewanbased business.







In 1974, Ross received the Whitehall-Robins Bowl of Hygeia for his outstanding contribution to as a community leader, serving as a Director of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club, President of the Riverside Country Club, President of the Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon, as well as Chairman of the Saskatoon High School Board.

Ross served on the St. Paul's Hospital Board of Directors and during this time he was most active in raising money to enable the hospital to build a new wing. He has also been involved with the Building Fund Committee for Grosvenor Park United Church and the Committee of Stewards. Ross was a founding father for the Corps of Commissionaires, and in 1997, received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Ross has always been a keen sportsman including fishing and waterfowl hunting and, in his earlier days, played junior hockey for the Saskatoon Chiefs and Wesleys, and the Senior Saskatoon Quakers in 1939-40. He played both football and hockey for the U of S Huskies and was considered for professional hockey; however plans changed when the war developed. He has maintained an interest in sports and has helped many young athletes in their efforts to accomplish their objectives.

Ross married Margaret Rathwell in 1958 and they are the proud parents of six children and several grandchildren.

We are indeed privileged to add Ross to our Honorary Life Membership roll.

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#### **NOTES FROM THE FIELD**

#### Transmission of Prescriptions via Facsimile

Pharmacists need to be aware of the requirements of facsimile transmission of prescriptions by physicians.

The onus is on the pharmacist to ensure the prescription is authentic and has come from a physician's office or clinic (including long term care facilities). To ensure authenticity please retain the physician and or clinic information, including the fax number which is transmitted at the top of the facsimile sheet and file this along with the prescription in the prescription file.

For more information regarding faxed prescriptions please review the guidelines provided in your reference manual, "Operational Guidelines Facsimile Transmission of Prescriptions".

#### **SPHA STAFF**

Andrea Brockmeyer, Receptionist

Carla Cramer, Communications & Events Coordinator (on leave)

Jeanne Eriksen, Assistant Registrar

Pat Guillemin, Administrative Assistant

> Ray Joubert, Registrar

Cheryl Klein, Senior Administrative Assistant

> Shelley Mayoh, Communications & Events Coordinator

> > Lori Postnikoff, Field Officer

#### NARCOTIC ORDERS VIA COMPUTER OR REMOTE INPUT DEVICE

**Reminder:** The narcotic order number is essential when ordering narcotic products as it is the wholesaler's only way of ensuring the correct person (as authorized by the wholesaler) is ordering narcotics on behalf of the pharmacy.

Section 27 of the Narcotic Control Regulations describes ordering and the use of a remote input device:

27 (1) Subject to this section, a licensed dealer may, in accordance with the terms and conditions of his licence, supply a narcotic other than diacetylmorphine (heroin) or methadone to a person referred to in subsection 24(2) (pharmacist), supply methadone to a person referred to in subsection 24(3) and supply diacetylmorphine (heroin) to a person referred to in subsection 24(4) if the licensed dealer has, on the premises described in the licence, received;

- A) a written order
- B) an order sent through a computer from a remote input device, or
- C) a verbal order for a verbal prescription narcotic;

that specifies the name and quantity of the narcotic to be supplied.

- (6) For the purposes of this section, a remote input device shall be a device for transmitting electronically orders for drugs, other than by voice communication; and
- A) contains a unique identifying code that can be related to the device and the pharmacist or
- B) is in the possession and care of that pharmacist or practitioner; and
- C) is designed in such a way that the unique identifying code for the remote input device is an integral part of the circuitry and can only be modified by the dismantling of the device.

# PRECURSOR CONTROL REGULATIONS (Excerpts from CACDS ACTION ALERT — with permission)

Health Canada has implemented the Precursor Control Regulations whose intent is to control and monitor precursors used in the manufacture of illicit substances, while at the same time avoiding undue restrictions on their legitimate trade.

Phase 2 of the regulations, which was implemented on July 7, 2003, applies to wholesalers and distributors who store or sell Class A precursors. Phase 2 exempts sale from retail pharmacies in quantities defined in the regulations. The majority of activity within a retail setting is excluded from the implications of the regulations; however, there are two key implications for community pharmacy:

- Retail pharmacies do not require a licence to sell products containing precursors if they always sell under the thresholds stated in the Schedule to the Regulations. The thresholds in place exempt pharmacies from requiring a licence.
  - Note: pharmacies would require a licence if they sell packages containing over 3g. pseudoephedrine or 400mg. ephedrine.
- 2. End-use declarations are required for

- sale to non-licensed dealers (pharmacies) in quantities or package sizes above the threshold stated in the Schedule to the Regulations. It has been identified that the 2 litre size of Co-Actifed is above the stated threshold and is therefore captured by the regulations. Without an end use declaration in place, 2 L Co-Actifed cannot be shipped to a pharmacy.
- Store to store transfer or sale of products containing listed precursors is not allowed under the regulations.
   Product must therefore be returned to the licensed dealer, and not transferred or sold between pharmacies.
- 4. There is no provision in the precursor Control Regulations for ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine for veterinary use. The Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substance Program of Health Canada is currently reviewing the issue of compounding and/or dispensing precursors (ephedrine, phenylpropanolamine) for veterinary use, pursuant to prescription. A copy of the regulations can be found

on the NAPRA website: www.napra.ca/pdfs/fedleg/cdsa\_precursor1102.pdf



#### INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICE

#### 1. Emergency Contraceptive Services

On the 2003 – 2004 proprietary pharmacy permit renewal application form, pharmacy managers were asked to indicate whether or not the pharmacy would be offering pharmacist prescribed emergency contraception when the ability to do so is granted to pharmacists. It is imperative that pharmacy managers inform this office should the information change (i.e. trained ECP pharmacist terminates employment, the pharmacy manager decides to withdraw this service, etc.). We will be initiating a system of informing the public as to which pharmacies are participating, so it is essential that the information is accurate.

#### 2. Pharmacy Services via the Internet

Pharmacy managers also had to indicate on the proprietary pharmacy permit renewal application whether or not the pharmacy offers pharmacy services via the Internet. New bylaws require approval of the Association to operate internet pharmacies. Please contact the office if you have questions or wish to change the declaration.

#### 3. Hours of Operation

We require that this information be updated whenever the hours of operation of the pharmacy or of the entire premises changes. This applies to for all permit holders, not just those with a valid Lock and Leave permit. Please notify the office in writing should you wish to make such a change.

### 4. Proprietor (Corporate) Name vs Primary Pharmacy Trade Name

Unfortunately there was some confusion when completing the proprietary pharmacy permit renewal application forms.

The Proprietor Name is the name of the corporation / partnership or person in the case of a sole proprietorship, that actually operates the pharmacy. The Trade Name is the name that is commonly used to identify the particular pharmacy.

For example: ACB Pharmacy is operated by Pharmacies R Us Ltd. All advertising including signage on the pharmacy, labels, receipts etc., would use the trade name – ACB Pharmacy while the proprietor who actually holds the permit would be Pharmacies R Us Ltd. When we request the Corporate Registry Profile Report, it is for the corporation/partnership or sole proprietorship that is operating the pharmacy.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Destruction of Narcotic/Controlled Drugs**

We have been informed that due to staff shortages at the Office of Controlled Substances in Ottawa, you should expect significant delays in receiving approval to destroy narcotic/controlled drugs.

### Advance Notification Required for Relocations and Renovations

If your pharmacy is relocating to a different site with a new physical address, please contact the office for application and inspection procedures. The proprietary pharmacy permit is issued for a specific location and must be amended. We suggest 30 days notice so that everything is in order prior to the move.

If you are undergoing renovations to the pharmacy in the current physical address, please contact the office to ensure that the renovations are in compliance with the requirements of the Association.

#### **Prescription Validity**

We have received several inquiries regarding physicians who are leaving their practice site issuing prescriptions with authorization to refill for 1 year. The question is can we continue to refill these prescriptions?

From the document, Standards of Practice for Saskatchewan Pharmacists:

A prescription is only valid for 12 months from the date it was issued



provided that the prescribing physician is attending the patient. This means that a prescription becomes invalid when it exceeds 12 months of age or when the physician ceases to attend the patient for reasons such as, but not limited to, death, retirement, leaving practice.

#### Refills for OTC products and Herbals

No prescription shall be renewed unless properly authorized by the prescriber and in conformity with the appropriate legislation. Where permitted under the law, authorization for refills must be obtained from the prescriber, whether or not the law requires a prescription for a given medication. This means in a situation where the patient may request that you repeat such a prescription as it is a benefit under their private 3<sup>rd</sup> party benefit plan for Schedule II, III and unscheduled products, they cannot be refilled unless authorized by the prescriber.



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#### MEMBER RECOGNITION

#### Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal Recipient

On Thursday, May 1, 2003 **Dave Cameron** of Lumsden was awarded the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal for 2002, from the Honourable Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

Criteria for the medal are that the recipient has "provided, without reward or gain, outstanding volunteer service or exceptional community involvement in an area that is beyond the performance of the individual's normal duties or the exercise of the responsibilities of a profession to which that individual belongs".



Dave Cameron

Dave's community achievements include but are not limited to: an original member of the Lumsden Duck Derby serving with this group for 12 years, 30 years of involvement with the Lumsden rink/sports centre as rink president, ice scheduler, coach, supervisor of hockey referees, player, fundraiser, and he maintained the ice plant for 15 years. He has also been active as president and coach of minor baseball; initiated the Umpire Association and was the co-organizer of the Last Mountain Slo-pitch League.

During his 30 years on the volunteer fire department, Dave has served as Fire Chief and Deputy Chief. Dave has been active in the Scout movement, fulfilling the role of Executive with Lumsden Scouts and Vice President of the District Council of the Scouts, as well as Acting President of the Parents' Committee.

Dave has previously been recognized with the Governor General's Award in 1999 and the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in 2002 for his commitment to community service. Dave was presented the Whitehall-Robins Bowl of Hygeia in 1999 for his outstanding service and dedication to his community.

### Saskatchewan Pharmacists Honoured by National Association

The following two awards were presented at a ceremony held in Vancouver BC on June 1, 2003 during the 91<sup>st</sup> annual Canadian Pharmacists Association conference.

Ray Bannister was presented with the Canadian Pharmacists Association's Patient Care Achievement Award for Specialty Practice sponsored by Astra Zeneca Canada Inc. Ray was recognized for his work to improve patient care by delivering an innovative, effective model in the field of Bioidentical Hormone Replacement Therapy. Many in the province have had the opportunity to attend one of Ray's many presentations on his erectile dysfunction practice and more recently his expanded interest into the field of natural hormone therapy for men and women. Through his commitment to continuous learning, Ray has developed and maintained a specialty service model worthy of this award.

Ray is the pharmacy manager/owner of the Saskatoon Medical Arts Pharmacy.

Bev Allen received the Canadian Pharmacists Association's Meritorious Service Award. Bev was elected to the SPhA Council in 1984, serving as President in 1996-97. He remains active in the Association, and currently sits as Chair of the Discipline Committee. Nationally, Bev is a Past-President of the Canadian Pharmacists Association (CPhA) and was the Chair of the host committee for the 2000 CPhA Conference held in Saskatoon. He is currently President of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada and is Secretary of the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy. Bev is Assistant Professor of Pharmacy with the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition with major responsibility as Coordinator of the Structured Practice Experience Program.



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