



## Interns and Residents – Prescribing Privileges

Members may honour prescriptions issued by interns and residents so registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) according to the following protocol:

1. That the intern or resident is listed on the CPSS Educational Register;
2. That the intern or resident signs written prescriptions or identifies himself/herself when issuing verbal prescriptions;
3. That the intern or resident **clearly** identify on the prescription the name of the fully licensed supervising physician who is responsible for that specific intern or resident's training in relation to the specific patient;
4. That the prescription is issued either in writing or verbally according to the requirements of the law and the Prescription Review Program.
5. Further to paragraph 4 above, medical residents who are licensed as physicians may prescribe any Controlled Substance (e.g. Narcotic, Controlled Drug, Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances) including drugs monitored under the Prescription Review Program. Interns are not licensed as physicians and therefore, under the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act are NOT authorized to prescribe Controlled Substances, but may prescribe other drugs under supervision according to these guidelines.

### For members, the following guidelines apply:

1. From time to time, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan provides this office with current lists of members on their Educational register. Alternatively, interns and residents with prescribing privileges are registered with the Saskatchewan Provider Registry System used by the Saskatchewan Prescription Drug Plan to verify eligibility to prescribe drugs;
2. This agreement applies primarily to prescriptions issued to hospital out-patients and patients seen in the physician's clinic. Existing policies would continue to apply to orders issued for hospital in-patients;
3. For the purposes of the Drug Plan, the prescription may be submitted using the intern's or resident's provider number, as long as they have a valid provider number in the Saskatchewan Provider Registry System. Prescriptions submitted for capture or adjudication may be submitted using the provider number of the intern/resident. If the resident or intern does not have a valid provider number then the prescription shall be attributed to the supervising physician and the claim submitted using that physician's prescriber number;

4. For information on Narcotic and Controlled Drugs Sales Reports, please refer to the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals guidelines entitled “Pharmacy Narcotic and Controlled Drugs Record Keeping Requirements”;
5. Provided the resident or intern has a valid provider number then the resident or intern’s name may appear on the prescription label.

**Members requiring assistance in interpreting these guidelines are encouraged to contact the SCPP office.**

Questions?  
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