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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2018

TO: Practising, Non-Practising and Conditional Practising Members

FROM: Jeana Wendel, Registrar
Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals

RE: **Saskatchewan Becomes the Third Province to Move Naloxone to
Unscheduled Status**

On May 11, 2018, Council approved amendments to our Administrative Bylaws to remove naloxone hydrochloride injection and nasal spray when indicated for emergency use for opioid overdose from Schedule II to Unscheduled status.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) supports the government's work in addressing the opioid crisis and embraced their request to remove naloxone from Schedule II to make naloxone available to as many Saskatchewan residents as possible. Opioid overdoses continue to happen in our province and enhancing the access to naloxone is an important step towards saving lives and protecting the health of the public.

Take Home Naloxone kits (THN)

This Administrative Bylaw change will allow naloxone to be issued in locations other than pharmacies, making it easier for individuals to access Take Home Naloxone kits (THN) and for Community Based Organizations (CBO's) who work with individuals at risk of an opioid overdose to distribute kits to their clients. The Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority will work with CBO's in the coming weeks as they are registered with the THN program and are provided with standard training and education regarding naloxone.

Although naloxone is now an unscheduled drug SCPP standards of practice would still require proper education and training be provided for any sale of a THN kit within pharmacies which will mirror what patients will receive within the CBO's from other health care providers.

Register Your Pharmacy

As integral members of the health care team pharmacists continue to be a valued resource in providing education and training on the safe use of naloxone to Saskatchewan's vulnerable populations. We urge all pharmacies to participate in harm reduction programs, carry THN kits and register your pharmacy with PAS in order to inform the public
[https://www.skpharmacists.ca/uploads/media/5ada1d1ddc1e1/pas-naloxone-registry.pdf?token=\[M1934](https://www.skpharmacists.ca/uploads/media/5ada1d1ddc1e1/pas-naloxone-registry.pdf?token=[M1934).

If you do not carry THN kits, you must ensure you are able to refer your patients and the public to locations that do, whether that is another community pharmacy or CBO.