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MicroSCOPE—the first edition

SCPP is delighted to introduce the MicroSCOPE e-newsletter as supplement to the SCOPE newsletter. The new electronic template will allow the College to quickly get information to members in between editions of SCOPE. All MicroSCOPE e-newsletters will also be available in PDF format on the SCPP website archived together with the SCOPE newsletter.

Both the SCOPE and the new MicroSCOPE newsletters are official sources of regulatory information and updates regarding the practice of pharmacy in Saskatchewan. It is the member's responsibility to be aware of all regulatory content.

Virtual Visits Begin January 2019

In August, an email was sent to pharmacy managers to advise of the revised Professional Practice Review process now called a Quality Improvement Review (QIR). One significant change that comes with the new name is that most QIRs will be performed virtually via an internet application (ConnectWise) instead of the traditional in-person visits.

The College is now ready to begin delivering virtual QIRs on a pilot basis beginning in January 2019, with full implementation to begin February if the pilots are successful. If any pharmacy manager still has questions about the process or their IT department has questions about the technical requirements, please contact Jeannette Sandiford at info@saskpharm.ca.

For further information, pharmacy managers can review the email that was sent August 22, 2018 [here](#).

Changes to Veterinary Use Medications

Legislation

On **May 17, 2017**, Health Canada introduced new legislation for pharmacists that compound Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API's) for veterinary use. To further increase the oversight of antimicrobial use in animals, as of **December 1, 2018**, the federal government has placed all [Medically Important Antimicrobials](#) (MIAs) on the [Prescription Drug List](#). This means that a valid prescription will be needed from a veterinarian for both prescription medications (injectables, in-water and in-feed formulations) and for prescription medicated feed (livestock feed that contains a prescription drug, including: supplements, macro and micro premixes and complete feed) in order to be sold. **Pharmacists are not allowed to sell a prescription drug to a retail store** (livestock medicine outlets, farm supply stores or feed stores/mills).

Labels

There will also be changes made to the labels of MIAs such as removing growth promotion claims and related directions for use, addition of responsible use statements on labels of all in-feed and in-water MIAs and the addition of a "Pr" on the principal display panel to show that it is a prescription drug.

Sales Reports

Sales reporting will also be legally required to be submitted yearly for those who manufacture, import, and compound MIAs for veterinary use. It is required that the sales report includes the total quantity sold or compounded and the approximate quantity sold or compounded for each intended animal species. The first reporting year is 2018 (January to December) and the annual deadline to submit the sales report is March 31. March 31, 2019 will be the first reporting deadline.

For more detailed information, pharmacists are encouraged to review the reference document on SCPP's website ([Guidance for Pharmacists on Veterinary Use Medications](#)) in addition to the following resources provided on the Health Canada Website to ensure compliance with the new federal regulations.

[Responsible use of Medically Important Antimicrobials in Animals](#)
[Veterinary Antimicrobial Sales Reporting](#)
[Antimicrobial Resistance and Animals - Actions](#)

MAID Reporting Requirement Amendments

As of November 1, 2018, new federal regulations require that pharmacists dispensing medications for the purpose of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) must complete and report the required forms to the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). It is recommended that all hospital pharmacists taking part in the provision of MAID shall become familiar with these forms and the SHA's procedures before dispensing medications to ensure they are completed correctly and understand all the required procedures. The forms can be found [here](#).

The SHA has been named in the federal regulations as the provincial designate, which means they will be collecting the information provided to them regarding MAID and forwarding it to Health Canada. Amendments to the regulations under The Health Information Protection Act (HIPA) allow the SHA to collect this data and will ensure that all data collected by the SHA is protected.

At this time, medications for the provision of MAID will only be dispensed in the hospital setting to ensure consistency throughout all treatments.

Pharmacists are required under Section 241.31 of the Criminal Code of Canada to report the MAID-related information to the SHA within the federally-required timeline. Pharmacists shall file a report within 30 days of dispensing a substance in connection with the provision of MAID.

Any questions about the federal regulations or the process within Saskatchewan can be directed to the Saskatchewan Health Authority at **1-833-473-6243**.

The [Medical Assistance in Dying \(Practitioner Administered\) Practice Guideline for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians](#) has been updated.

As a reminder, pharmacy technicians are not authorized to participate in the MAID process.

New and Updated Documents

For up-to-the-minute information, news and events, visit the homepage of the SCPP website: www.saskpharm.ca.

MicroSCOPE is published by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) and may include decisions on matters such as regulations, drug schedule changes, etc. MicroSCOPE is emailed to all active members of the College and therefore SCPP assumes all members are aware of these matters.

To download a PDF of this e-newsletter, click [here](#).

NEW! Guidance Document for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations

NAPRA's suite of model standards for pharmacy compounding comprises three model standards, with one pertaining to non-hazardous sterile preparations, one to hazardous sterile preparations, and one to non-sterile preparations. SCPP has adopted these standards.

The [Guidance Document for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations](#) was developed to provide more detail on how the standards outlined in the [Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations](#) can be achieved. In addition, the guidance document provides direction on and assistance with implementation of the model standards.

Note that the model standards document effectively replaces NAPRA's Guidelines for Pharmacy Compounding (2006), which has been removed from the reference manual on the SCPP website.

NEW! Termination of a Pharmacist—Patient Relationship

Pharmacists may have the right to terminate a relationship with a patient for various reasons. The termination of a relationship may occur provided there are valid reasons, sufficient documentation of the reason(s) and the patient is not in immediate need of pharmaceutical care.

The [Termination of a Pharmacist—Patient Relationship](#) document provides recommendations related to documentation, communication, timing, use of a conduct agreement, how to write a letter of termination, transitioning the patient to another pharmacy and other considerations.

NEW! Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) FAQ's

Answering frequently asked questions about PIP, the [Pharmaceutical Information Program \(PIP\) FAQ's](#) document covers:

- Adding in OTC/NPN Products into the PIP
- Days' Supply for Dispenses
- Transfers into the Pharmacy and e-Prescriptions
- Sending Transfers; Saskatchewan vs. Out of Province
- Reviewing Failed Transactions
- PIP Pickup is Missing or Inaccurate
- Duplicate Prescriptions
- Adding allergies into PIP
- Discontinuing Prescriptions from another Pharmacy

UPDATED! Flow Chart for Pharmacy Technician Candidates

To add additional clarity to the pathway for a graduate of a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician training program, the Graduate side of the [flow chart](#) for pharmacy technician candidates has been updated.