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Pharmacy Permit Renewal 2019-2020 – Deadline: November 1, 2019

Every pharmacy manager must renew their proprietary pharmacy permit annually, in advance, meeting the requirements SCPP legislation and policies by November 1, 2019.

The link to the online Pharmacy Permit Application form for proprietary pharmacy permit renewal is available through the Pharmacy Manager Portal. Login details and instructions for accessing the application from the Pharmacy Manager Portal at www.saskpharm.ca will be emailed to pharmacy managers using the email address on file for the pharmacy.

Pharmacy managers are responsible for completing the application and meeting all requirements. Submissions and/or requirements received after November 1, 2019 are subject to a late penalty fee. Details regarding this year's permit renewal are available [here](#).

NEW! Mandatory Privacy Officer Update - Deadline: October 23, 2019

All Privacy Officers are required to complete one of two Privacy Officer training modules developed by the Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP). The modules are available now, and all Privacy Officers must register for and complete the required training by Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

Privacy Officer Training Update

Privacy Officer Training Update (2019) is for privacy officers/members who **do not** need to re-certify yet and whose training/certification expires in 2020 (from January 1, 2010 and after). This is a quick update that has been assigned one (1) CEU and no fee applicable.

Privacy Officer Certification Registration

Privacy Officer Training Certification (2019) is for privacy officers/members who **do** need to re-certify during Permit Renewal, and whose training/certification expires in 2019 (up to December 31, 2019). This is the updated Certification training, with a registration fee of \$175 + GST.

Links to both the Privacy Officer Training Update Presentation and the Privacy Officer Certification Registration will be emailed directly to members who require either training.

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**CPDPP - Injection Refresher
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**CSHP AGM, Education Sessions
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Sale of Buscopan

SCPP has received several enquiries regarding the sale of Buscopan in the absence of the commercially available and appropriately labelled over-the-counter (OTC) pack size. SCPP has been in consultation with Health Canada to determine if pharmacist repackaging and relabelling of Buscopan into smaller quantities from larger stock bottles would be considered a Drug Establishment License (DEL) activity or not.

What is a Drug Establishment License (DEL)?

The Drug Establishment License is in Part C, Division 1A of the federal legislation, Food and Drug Regulations (FDR). The DEL is a license that allows a person to conduct licensable activities in an appropriate facility in Canada. The six licensable activities that require a DEL are fabricating, packaging/labelling, importing, distributing, wholesaling and testing.

Where can you obtain a DEL?

The Drug Establishment License is obtained from Health Canada as the main authority for ensuring compliance and enforcement of the DEL regulations.

Who would need a DEL?

A DEL would be required for any person who conducts licensable activities such as fabricate, package, label, test, distribute, import, and wholesale drugs. The Regulations prohibit any licensable activity by any person, unless it is with accordance with a DEL.

Why is DEL relevant to pharmacists?

Pharmacists may require a DEL to repackage smaller quantities from larger stock bottles of non-prescription drugs for sale, without a prescription. This activity maybe considered manufacturing (repackaging) and relabelling by Health Canada in the absence of a patient-specific need.

Recommendation:

From our recent consultations with Health Canada, SCPP was informed that Buscopan repackaging should only occur pursuant to a need identified by a patient-healthcare professional relationship. Therefore, a patient-specific sale of Buscopan would be exempt from DEL requirements. Pharmacists must meet the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) [Standards of Practice for Schedule II and III Drugs](#) and the [conditions of sale](#) for each schedule, in the sale of repackaged Buscopan. There must be pharmacist-patient consultation with proper recording, documentation and counselling of the sale to a specific patient.

Record Keeping Requirements

The length and manner of the retention of patient records and information is controlled by federal and provincial legislation, including [The Health Information Protection Act](#). For more information, refer to the links within the new Reference Manual document [Summary of Record Keeping Requirements](#) for a brief overview of the requirements.

Influenza Vaccination Updates and Information for the 2019/2020 Flu Season

The provincial publicly funded Saskatchewan Influenza Immunization Program is scheduled to begin on October 21, 2019, and end on March 31, 2020. Children younger than age nine (9) requiring a second dose of vaccine can receive immunization until April 30, 2020.

Publicly funded vaccine products

FLUZONE® Quadrivalent (QIV) and FluLaval® Tetra (quadrivalent multidose vials for all immunizers) will be available to be administered by pharmacists to Saskatchewan residents age five (5) years and older and are publicly funded for those six (6) months of age and older. These drugs contain the following viral strains:

- an A/Brisbane/02/2018 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Kansas/14/2017 (H3N2)-like virus;
- a B/Colorado/06/2017-like virus (B/Victoria/2/87 lineage); and
- a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata/16/88 lineage).

Pharmacists are permitted to administer influenza vaccine to Saskatchewan residents five (5) years of age and older.

Please note: A *Notification of Administration of Influenza Vaccine* form **must** be completed by the pharmacist and faxed within three business days to the local public health office. This form is critical to public safety as doses for children eight (8) years of age and under will be entered into Panorama by public health to ensure all health care providers have timely access to this information to determine if the child has been immunized. The pharmacist **must** also provide the child's primary caregiver with a [Record of Influenza Immunization wallet card](#), which is available free of charge through the Ministry of Health's Publication Center.

It is expected that all pharmacists will review the patient's Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) profile and the immunization records on the eHealth Viewer **prior** to providing the immunization. This is particularly important for children 5 to 8 years of age to confirm if they require one or two doses for the flu season, and to ensure the proper interval between doses should two doses be required.

Vaccinating before the proper interval is **NOT** recommended as the child will not be properly immunized. A two-dose schedule requires a **minimum of four weeks or 28 days** between doses for children under nine (9) years of age who are receiving the influenza immunization for the first time.

Vaccinations provided outside the pharmacy

While an immunization can be provided in any location as per SCPP bylaws, publicly funded influenza vaccinations may **ONLY** be provided as per the [information provided](#) to pharmacies by the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch.

Before a pharmacist may provide this service, they **MUST** contact a public health representative to ensure that public health or home care is not providing the service in the home/facility. Public health contact information will be available in the [Saskatchewan Influenza Immunization Policy](#).

Vaccinations provided outside the pharmacy

All providers of publicly funded influenza vaccination are responsible for reviewing the [Saskatchewan Influenza Immunization Program](#) information and other influenza-related references prior to the start of the influenza vaccine administration season.

Advanced Method Certification (AMC)

AMC is required prior to the administration of medications by injection and other routes. All pharmacists who wish to administer vaccine must initially complete all three components of the Immunization and Injection training, and any required updates (as per the 2019/20 influenza season only the 2017 update is required – please contact Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP) for more information).

Why do I have an “A” on my license?

Should an “A” appear on your license it means one of the following situations has occurred:

- You did not properly declare AMC on your license renewal
- Your CPR with AED and First Aid training has expired
- You did not complete the mandatory educational update in 2017

Please note if an “A” appears on your licence, you may NOT provide immunizations as you are not covered by malpractice insurance for this activity. Please contact the Registration and Licensing unit of SPP for more information.

Registration with the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) is required to arrange for Ministry distribution of publicly funded influenza vaccines through the two Saskatchewan pharmacy wholesalers to pharmacies participating in the program and to share information on participating pharmacies with stakeholders (e.g. Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan (PAS) and SPP to help ensure public awareness of the availability of immunization injections at pharmacies).

Additional Influenza Vaccine Resources

[Saskatchewan Immunization Manual](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Immunization Services](#)

[National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) 2019-2020 Influenza Statement](#)

[Seasonal influenza Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)

[Immunization - General Consent for School Immunizations \(PHNF 297\)](#)

Subsection 56(1) Class Exemption Expires September 30, 2019

The College wishes to remind members the [Subsection 56\(1\) Class Exemption](#) enacted to enable pharmacists to prescribe for methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone due to various situations with four Saskatchewan physicians (Drs Moola, Patel, Paul and Fern) is set to expire on September 30, 2019.

From April 1 to July 31, 2019, there were 44 claims for methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone and there were no new claims in August. This indicates patients have been able to be triaged and referred to alternative prescribers.

The Subsection 56(1) Class Exemption is a great example of how healthcare providers can collaborate to ensure patients needs are being met during a crisis and in routine day-to-day operations. The College continues to work closely with Health Canada and its collaborative partners to examine further extensions and modifications to the exemption. For now, however, the Subsection 56(1) Class Exemption will expire on September 30, 2019.

The College has Moved to Leader Place

SCPP has now moved into Leader Place (formerly the Leader-Post building) in the east end of Regina. The new address is Unit 100-1964 Park Street, Regina, SK S4N 7M5. All phone/fax and email addresses have remained the same. Thank you for your patience with the transition.

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