



## Friday Five

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### Computer Generated Prescriptions and Forgeries

Increasingly, prescriptions are computer generated rather than being hand written by the prescriber. It is important to remember that the signature on the computer generated prescription must be original when presented to the pharmacy by the patient. The computer generated prescription usually includes a pre-printed example of the prescriber's signature, however, it must also be signed, in ink, by the prescriber unless it is directly faxed to the pharmacy by the prescriber.

Recently, the College was made aware of a computer generated prescription for Cotridin (ratio-Cotridin) syrup that was photocopied and repeatedly presented at various pharmacies under different patient names. Some of the copies were of sufficient quality so as to make it very difficult to detect the fact that it was a forgery. Ensuring there is an original signature from the prescriber can be a useful tool in preventing forgeries from being filled.

### Naloxone Guidelines and Resources Updates

As of December 22, 2016, naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray, when indicated for emergency use, has been granted Schedule II status in Manitoba. The College document, [Guidelines for Pharmacists Selling Naloxone as a Schedule II Drug](#), have been updated to include information specific to naloxone nasal spray.

The College has also developed several new resources for pharmacists and their patients to supplement the College Guidelines and support naloxone dispensing in community pharmacies:

- [Naloxone Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Checklist for Naloxone Injection Training](#)
- [Checklist for Naloxone Nasal Spray Training](#)

### Professional Development Opportunities

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba, together with The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, and the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba, present two opportunities for their members to attend

#### Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: An Introduction to Clinical Practice

[Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10, 2017](#)

[Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, 2017](#)

Winnipeg, MB

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Travel Health & Tropical Medicine Services present:

[Manitoba 14th Annual Travel Health Conference](#)

April 20 & 21, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB

The Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety and the Winnipeg Regional

- [Naloxone Brochures in colour](#) and [black and white](#) for pharmacists to share with their patients

The College encourages all pharmacies to carry and dispense naloxone kits to provide as many people as possible access to the drug.

If your pharmacy carries naloxone kits and provides education and training on the use of naloxone in an emergency, we invite your pharmacy manager to provide the College with your pharmacy's

- name,
- address, and
- phone number.

We will add your pharmacy to the list of [Pharmacies Carrying Naloxone Kits in Manitoba](#) we developed to make it easy for the public and healthcare professionals to find a naloxone provider. You can email the above information to [rcarlson@cphm.ca](mailto:rcarlson@cphm.ca) with the subject line **Naloxone Kits**. The College will update the list on a regular basis.

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## Young Leader Awards Nomination Reminder

Each year, the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba, along with Pharmacists Manitoba, jointly present the Young Leader Awards to deserving recipients. These awards celebrate the efforts of future leaders in pharmacy practice, while offering them an opportunity to experience the professional development available through the annual conference.

The award recipients receive a plaque, complimentary registration for the conference at the RBC Convention Centre, and complimentary accommodation at the Delta Winnipeg Hotel, the host hotel for the conference.

The awards are open to recently licensed pharmacists (practicing one to five years post-graduation) and to pharmacy students (interns) in their final year of study who have made a professional contribution to the pharmacy community or amongst their peers at the University of Manitoba's College of Pharmacy.

If you meet these criteria, Pharmacists Manitoba and the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba would like to receive a Young Leader Awards nomination from you.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, February 27, 2017**.

Please visit the [Pharmacists Manitoba](#) website for more information and to access the Young Leader Awards online application form.

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## Pharmacist Awareness Month

The *Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety* (MIPS) is celebrating Pharmacist Awareness Month by inviting Manitoba's pharmacists and caregivers to plan a medication safety event. MIPS will support your event by offering resources and ready-to-use presentation

Health Authority Present:

[2017 Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Conference](#)

April 25, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB

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## Online Programs:

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[Oral-Systemic Health Education for Non-Dental Healthcare Providers](#)

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[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

Visit [www.cphm.ca](http://www.cphm.ca) for more information on [Expanded Scope of Practice](#) training.

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[Self-Limiting Conditions Independent Study Program](#)

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All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

materials.

If you would like to host an event in honour of Pharmacist Awareness Month, please review the recommendations included in the [Planning Guide](#) and follow the steps outlined on page three.

Pharmacists can also raise awareness about medication safety with their patients using MIPS' It's Safe to Ask resources such as [5 Questions to Ask About Your Medications](#) and patient [Medication Cards](#). MIPS appreciates your partnership in patient safety!

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