



## Friday Five

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### Health Canada Changes Temporary Methadone Exemption Requirement for Hospital Prescribers

On March 17, 2017, Health Canada issued a [section 56 class exemption](#) to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* for practitioners prescribing methadone to inpatients in a hospital setting. Practitioners (physicians and nurse practitioners with narcotic prescribing privileges) practicing in a hospital setting no longer require a temporary methadone exemption to prescribe methadone to inpatients that are already taking methadone prior to admission. The 60 day limit no longer applies and the exemption is valid as long as the patient is under the practitioner's care in the hospital. Any methadone prescribed under this class exemption must be prepared and dispensed by a hospital pharmacist who practices at a pharmacy that is affiliated with the hospital where the patient has been admitted.

The patient's community methadone prescriber must be kept informed that the patient has been hospitalized and any methadone dose changes made by the hospital practitioner must be discussed with the community methadone prescriber. No methadone pass meds/carries can be prescribed under the class exemption - only practitioners with a general exemption can write for pass meds/carries. The hospital practitioner **cannot** issue a methadone prescription upon discharge. The hospital practitioner must coordinate with the community methadone prescriber to ensure the patient has a valid outpatient prescription for methadone. To prevent a possible overdose, the prescriber and community pharmacist should verify the patient's last hospital methadone dose.

The College "Principles for the Provision of Opioid Dependence Treatment by Manitoba Pharmacists" will be updated to reflect this new exemption and members will be advised when the document has been updated.

### Professional Development Opportunities

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 Health Authority present:

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

April 25, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB

The Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians present:

#### [National Professional Development Conference](#)

May 5 - May 7, 2017  
Toronto, ON

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba presents:

[The Opioid Spectrum: Promoting](#)

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## Advancing Practice Discontinues Online Education Program for Immunization Competencies

Due to the end of financial support from the Public Health Agency of Canada, effective April 1, 2017, the Education Program for Immunization Competencies (EPIC) program through Advancing Practice (mdBriefCase) will no longer be available for purchase **online**. The EPIC program is a required component for injection certification of Manitoba pharmacists and University of Manitoba, College of Pharmacy students as well as other pharmacy and healthcare professionals nationally. Advancing Practice is part of the mdBriefCase Inc. group of websites and mdBriefCase is trying to minimize the impact on pharmacists and pharmacy students and to provide pharmacy organizations time to transition to a new required immunization and injection education program.

Until December 1, 2017, the EPIC program will be made available to Manitoba pharmacists and pharmacy students through a hidden link provided only through the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba and the College of Pharmacy. **The program and link will not be available beyond December 1<sup>st</sup> so pharmacists are required to purchase prior to this date and complete the program by December 31, 2017.** For those pharmacists interested in completing this program, please contact the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba office at 204-233-1411 or [profdevelopment@cphm.ca](mailto:profdevelopment@cphm.ca).

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba, College of Pharmacy, will be working together to establish a new required immunization and injection education program.

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## Annual General Meeting Final Reminder

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College) encourages all members to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the College scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, April 8, 2017**, in the Pan Am Room of the RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg. Pre-registration is not required to attend the AGM.

Members may view the following documents in advance of the AGM:

- [Annual General Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Annual Report](#) (includes summarized financial statements)

Printed copies of all documents are available upon request through the College office. The [Non-Consolidated Financial Statements](#) are available for download from the College [website](#).

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## Annual Golf Tournament Invite

The College is looking forward to spring and what better way to kick off spring fever than golf?

This year offers a change to the College's annual golf tournament with a shift from September to June and a new course just 30

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### Health and Preventing Harm

Monday, May 8, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB

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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:

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

Thursday, May 11 and Friday,  
May 12, 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

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

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All PD opportunities are listed on the  
College website under

minutes from Winnipeg. [Scottswood Links](#) boasts a beautiful new clubhouse and we are excited to be among the first to use the new space. A picturesque golf course in a quiet and relaxing country setting with charming hospitality makes it one of Manitoba's premier courses.

Take advantage of the early bird and student registration fees and register yourself for a foursome today using our [2017 Registration Form](#)! We'll see you Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>!

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