



Friday Five

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Practice Directions Update

A practice direction is a written statement made by College Council for the purpose of giving direction to members and owners about the conduct of their pharmacy practice and operations. Before a practice direction is approved by Council, members and stakeholders are provided with the opportunity to review and provide their feedback on draft practice directions.

The Practice Direction: Pharmacy Facilities has been in effect since January, 2014. The Standards of Practice Division of the Quality Assurance Committee has made suggestions for amending the practice direction, and Council has approved the amended practice direction be opened for member and stakeholder consultation until May 19, 2017:

[Practice Direction: Pharmacy Facilities \[Standard of Practice #15\]](#)

To comment on the above amended practice direction, please email Todd Mereniuk, Deputy Registrar, at feedback@cphm.ca.

All practice directions are listed on the [Standards of Practice & Practice Directions](#) section of the College website. Compliance with approved practice directions is required under *The Pharmaceutical Act*. On April 7, 2017, Council approved the practice direction for Referring a Patient, which will come into effect on **May 5, 2017**:

[Practice Direction: Referring a Patient](#)

Temporary Methadone Exemption Requirement for Hospital Prescribers Clarification

Professional Development Opportunities

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 Health and Preventing Harm](#)

Monday, May 8, 2017
Winnipeg, MB

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba, together with The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba, and the College of Registered Nurses of

The College has received clarification from Health Canada in regards to "pass meds" under the Section 56 class exemption to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* for practitioners prescribing methadone to inpatients in a hospital setting. In the April 7th edition of the Friday Five, it was cited that "No methadone pass meds/carries can be prescribed under the class exemption - only practitioners with a general exemption can write for them." Recently, Health Canada has changed their position on pass meds under the Section 56 class exemption. A practitioner that meets the requirements set out in section 56 can, *at their discretion*, prescribe a "pass med" to an inpatient who is temporarily leaving the hospital and is returning back to the hospital. The methadone must be dispensed by the hospital pharmacy and the patient must still be a patient of the hospital.

Carry privileges only apply to methadone for opioid replacement and not methadone for analgesia (no similar restriction for the analgesia indication). Carrying privileges for methadone from the hospital should only be given if the patient was previously receiving carries in the community.

The class exemption does not allow a practitioner in a hospital setting to provide a discharge methadone prescription to the patient. The hospital cannot provide methadone to facilitate discharge under the class exemption. The hospital practitioner must coordinate with the community methadone provider 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.

University of Manitoba College of Pharmacy Appoints New Dean

Dr. Brian Postl, Dean, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Vice-Provost (Health Sciences), has announced the appointment of Dr. Lalitha Raman-Wilms, B.Sc. (Pharm.), ACPR, Pharm.D., FCSHP, as Dean, College of Pharmacy effective August 1, 2017.

Please see the [full announcement](#) for details.

Pharmacy Technician Renewal Reminder

Renewals for pharmacy technicians listed with the College are now open. The deadline for renewal as a listed pharmacy technician is **May 15, 2017**, in order to be listed by **June 1, 2017**. [The Pharmacy Technician Listing Renewal Application for 2017-2018](#) is available for download.

As a reminder, renewing pharmacy technicians are required to have worked as a pharmacy technician for at least 600 hours in the preceding three-year period (starting three years after first qualifying), and have participated in the performance review conducted by the pharmacy manager, or delegate, at the practice

Manitoba, present:

Opioid Replacement Therapy 101 : An Introduction to Clinical Practice

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

Online Programs:

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

[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

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

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

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information on [Expanded Scope
of Practice](#) training.

All PD opportunities are listed on the
College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

site at a minimum of every two years. This review must include documentation of the following:

- number of hours worked as a pharmacy technician (Please be reminded, hours worked as a pharmacy assistant are not eligible under this requirement);
- an assessment of a pharmacy technician's job performance in terms of quality of patient care, administrative skills and the ability to work consistently within the rules governing the pharmacy and pharmacy practice; and
- that the Council approved professional development (PD) requirement has been met.

For more information on the PD requirements for pharmacy technicians, visit the [Pharmacy Technician](#) page of the College website.

Pharmacy technicians can review the reminder notice issued by email on April 12, 2017, or contact Administrative Assistant Brittany Delaquis at bdelaquis@cphm.ca for more information on the renewal process.

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