



Friday Five

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Mifegymiso: Guidelines for Manitoba Pharmacists

The Council-approved [Guidelines for Pharmacists Dispensing Mifegymiso in Manitoba](#) (the Guidelines) outline a pharmacist's responsibility to educate, distribute, and counsel patients when they dispense Mifegymiso. The Guidelines also provide direction should a pharmacist object to providing Mifegymiso. At this time, the Guidelines follow the distribution conditions set by Health Canada which state that the prescriber provides the drug directly to their patient.

Under these conditions, Manitoba pharmacists can dispense Mifegymiso through the following methods:

- A patient can take the prescription to a pharmacy of their choice and have the drug delivered to the prescriber's office;
- A prescriber can provide a prescription to a pharmacy of the patient's choice and have the drug delivered to the prescriber's office.

Celopharma Inc., the Canadian distributor of Mifegymiso, has submitted a request for approval to Health Canada to extend the use of Mifegymiso in a pregnancy with a gestational age up to 63 days and also to allow pharmacists to dispense directly to the patient. Should Health Canada accept Celopharma Inc.'s request, the Guidelines will be revised at that time to reflect Health Canada's decision.

EPIC Program Update

The College has advised members in previous [Friday Five](#) and [Newsletters](#) articles that the online Education Program for Immunization Competencies (EPIC) provided by [rxBriefCase](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Health Sciences Centre
Winnipeg presents:

[The 21st Annual Bug Day](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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](#)

([Advancing Practice](#)) has been discontinued due to lack of funding. Recently, rxBriefCase confirmed that efforts to extend funding past December 2017 have been unsuccessful. EPIC is a required prerequisite to the Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshops and is a mandatory component to obtaining injection authorization.

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba and the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba are working together with the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) to source an alternative immunization and injection education program for 2018 to meet the needs of pharmacists and pharmacy students.

In the interim, EPIC will continue to be available for purchase to Manitoba pharmacists and pharmacy students until **December 1, 2017**, through a hidden link available from the College. Once pharmacists and pharmacy students have purchased EPIC, they have until **December 31, 2017**, (when CCCEP accreditation expires) to complete the program.

While EPIC will be available for the remainder of the year, this latest development has made obtaining authorization to administer injections more complex. Please consider the following in your decision to complete the educational requirements to become authorized to administer injections:

- If you are a pharmacist who has purchased and/or completed EPIC with the intention of taking the Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop at a future date, the College recommends that you take an injections skills workshop during the fall of 2017. If you are unable to attend an injections skills workshop this fall, you risk losing the EPIC accreditation you obtained and you may need to complete an alternative program in 2018.
- If you are a pharmacist who wants to complete EPIC before the 2017 deadline, please note that you will need to complete an Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop **before** EPIC's CCCEP accreditation expires on December 31, 2017.

If you are interested in completing EPIC in order to obtain injection authorization, please contact the College by phone at 204-233-1411 or by email at info@cphm.ca to access the hidden link.

The University of Manitoba, College of Pharmacy will be holding Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshops in the fall and if you wish to participate, we encourage you to contact the University to reserve a spot. Please contact the College of Pharmacy at 204-474-9306 or pharmacy@umanitoba.ca .

Please note: You must complete the EPIC online modules *and* the 'Manitoba Module: Administration of Injection's (also through Advancing Practice) before attending an Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop.

Membership Vote Results

On July 18, 2017, the vote to streamline the regulation amendment process came to a close.

[Practice](#) training.

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

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All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

Members were asked to vote on whether they support the following resolution provided by government:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba submit a formal request to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living that *The Pharmaceutical Act* be amended to repeal the requirement in section 74 of The Act that regulations made by the Council of the College under The Act must be approved by the members of the College."

Member ballots were received and counted in accordance with *The Pharmaceutical Act* ([The Act](#)), [Regulation](#) , and [By-laws](#) .

The Ballot Committee has reported the results of the vote as follows:

There were 690 ballots cast, of which 8 were spoiled.

- **Yes: 503**
- **No: 169**
- **Abstain: 10**

The Ballot Committee was comprised of a representative from each of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists – Manitoba Branch, the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba and Pharmacists Manitoba.

The outcome of this membership vote has been forwarded to Minister Kelvin Goertzen for consideration by government.

The College will update the membership by email and in its bi-weekly publication, Friday Five, once government has considered the result and made a decision.

Pre-Safety IQ Continuous Quality Improvement Study

On Wednesday, July 26, 2017, the College invited practicing pharmacist and pharmacy technicians to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Certina Ho, Lecturer, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto and Project Lead at the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada. The objective of the research study is to seek the views of practicing pharmacy professionals on continuous quality improvement (CQI) in Manitoba community pharmacies.

A key goal of the College is to enhance the quality assurance program for pharmacy practices, and the College has been working with Dr. Certina Ho in the development of the Safety IQ Pilot Project. De-identified, aggregated data collected in the survey will inform the Safety IQ team and the College of any challenges and opportunities faced by community pharmacies trying to improve or maintain CQI programs. For more information about the Safety IQ Pilot Project, please review the [Spring 2017 Newsletter article](#) about this exciting new initiative.

If you are a practicing pharmacist or pharmacy technician, please check your email for the questionnaire letter and online link.

The questionnaire deadline is Friday, August 4, 2017.

The results of the questionnaire will be shared with Safety IQ volunteer pharmacies at the Safety IQ training event, and with the entire membership through the College Newsletter and the Friday Five.

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