



Friday Five

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Expanded Midwife Prescribing – Effective September 1, 2017

Recent amendments to the [Midwifery Regulations](#) have expanded the prescribing authority for midwives in Manitoba. In the past, midwives had the authority to prescribe

- antibiotics for vaginal/cervical infections;
- antiemetics for nausea and vomiting in pregnancy;
- antifungal agents for maternal vaginal infections and thrush in infants;
- anti-haemorrhoidal agents; and
- oral contraceptive pills and medroxyprogesterone injection.

With the new amendments, a midwife can administer or prescribe any drug listed in Schedule B which includes:

- prescribing of injectable, oral and topical antibiotics for additional conditions such as urinary tract infections and mastitis
- injectable, oral and topical antibiotics for treatment of a partner for chlamydia and gonorrhea
- topical steroids for treatment of candidiasis in mom and baby
- drugs for increasing breast milk supply
- herpes simplex virus antiviral prophylaxis
- measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and influenza vaccines
- Diclofenac and naproxen (oral)
- Narcotic antagonist for narcotic-induced depression in neonate
- Silver nitrate or treatment for granuloma

The previous Midwifery Regulations limited the medications that a midwife could administer under the direction of a physician. Section 13 of the new Midwifery Regulations allows a midwife to administer

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](#)

any drug under the direction of a physician.

Midwives must successfully complete the mandatory online Education Modules and a written exam before they can prescribe the medications outlined by the expanded authority. Midwives should be able to prescribe the newly listed drugs effective September 1, 2017. Pharmacists will be able to confirm if a midwife has any restrictions related to prescribing by checking the listing of midwives on the [College of Midwives of Manitoba website](#).

For information on the prescribing authority of Manitoba healthcare professionals, please check the [Prescribers](#) section of the College website as well as the useful [Prescribing Authority Table](#).

Injection and Immunization Training Options

Certification of Authorization to Administer Drugs and Vaccines by Injections in Manitoba has THREE requirements as listed on the College [application](#):

1. Successful completion of a [CCCEP Stage 2 \(competency-mapped\) continuing education program](#) (online program and live workshop)
2. Successful completion of the [Manitoba Module: Administration of Injections](#)
3. Possession of current certification in CPR Level C (or HCP) and Emergency or Standard First Aid from an in-person training program recognized by [Workplace Safety and Health Branch](#)

CCCEP Stage 2 programs currently available within Manitoba include:

EPIC

The online Education Program for Immunization Competencies (EPIC) provided by [rxBriefCase \(Advancing Practice\)](#) is available for purchase by 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. The EPIC program is a required prerequisite to the Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop held by the College of Pharmacy at the University of Manitoba.

While EPIC will be available for the remainder of 2017, 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

Practice training.

Self-Limiting Conditions Independent Study Program

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

All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

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 an [Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop](#) on **Saturday, November 4, 2017**, and if you wish to participate, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Please contact the College of Pharmacy at 204-474-9306 or pharmacy@umanitoba.ca

The Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop is the required in-person training component with the EPIC program.

Pear HealthCare Solutions

Pear Healthcare Solutions also provides a CCCEP Stage 2 (competency-mapped) Injection and Immunization program. The National Injectable Medication and Vaccine Administration course consists of an online program (11 modules) and a full day live workshop (offered in various cities based on enrollment). Please visit the [Pear Healthcare Solutions](#) website for more information.

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 additional immunization and injection education programs for 2018 to assist in meeting the needs of pharmacists and pharmacy students.

Safety IQ Training Reminder

On Sunday, August 13, 2017, the College will host the opening training session for the Safety IQ Pilot. Twenty-two pharmacies have volunteered their organizations to participate in Safety IQ and the College commends these pharmacy professionals for their commitment to advancing patient safety and continuous quality improvement in Manitoba.

For participating pharmacies, a reminder email that outlines the requirements for the session was sent to you on **Wednesday, August 9**. Please review the email and complete the attached form following the instructions provided. If you have any questions, contact the College at 204-233-1411 or safetyiq@cphm.ca.

To learn more about the Safety IQ Pilot, you can read the College Newsletter article, "[What's Your Safety IQ?](#)" published in the Spring 2017 edition.

Application for Accreditation for the 2016-2017 PD

Year

To be eligible for licence renewal for 2018, pharmacists are required to participate in a minimum of 25 hours of professional development learning activities between November 1st and October 31st of each PD year. Of the 25 hours, a minimum of 15 hours must be from accredited learning activities (i.e., programs that have been accredited for no less than a total of 15 CEU) with a balance of 10 hours of participation in either accredited or non-accredited learning activities.

For those members who wish to seek accreditation for an independent study, the application and supporting documents must be submitted to the College by October 6th, 2017. Should the learning activity occur between October 1st and October 31st, please submit your accreditation application as soon as possible after the program, in order to allow for timely processing of the accreditation request.

Further information regarding accreditation can be found on the College website [Program Accreditation](#) page including details of accreditation requirements and the application form.

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