



Friday Five

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Professional Development Opportunities

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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All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under [Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

Fentanyl Test Strips

In the past, the College has advised against the sale of Rapid Response™ FYL Test Strips (Liquid, Powder, produced by BTNXINC.) by Manitoba pharmacies for sale to the public for the purpose of detecting fentanyl in recreational or street drugs. These test strips have received significant media coverage over the last week. Even though there have been some minor modifications to the product since we advised pharmacists against selling the strips, the College continues to stand by its assertion that the strips can create a false sense of safety for patients and the public.

The College continues to advise all pharmacies in Manitoba against the sale of Rapid Response™ FYL Test Strips for off label use by the public. Key points to consider in this issue are:

- The product packaging clearly states these test strips are intended for forensic use only. In fact, the product insert warns against their use outside of forensic applications. While these cautions protect the manufacturer from potential liability, it may pose a safety risk to the public and a legal risk to the pharmacy;
- There is currently no published evidence that the strips can detect carfentanil. We know that carfentanil is prevalent in Winnipeg. In fact, there have been more deaths due to carfentanil than fentanyl in Winnipeg in recent months. A negative test for fentanyl is therefore not at all reassuring that a sample is not still high risk for overdose due to carfentanil or another fentanyl analogue; and
- The product does not detect the quantity of fentanyl present in a sample, and cannot screen for all fentanyl analogues.

Significant changes to this product or it's delivery to the public will be considered by the College as needed. If you have questions on this matter, please contact the College office by phone

(204-233-1411), or by email (info@cphm.ca).

Opioid Resources for Pharmacy Professionals

To address the opioid crisis, the College wants to ensure that pharmacy professionals in Manitoba have access to trusted resources to support their efforts. In addition to [Resources](#) on Naloxone and updated [Opioid Replacement Therapy Guidelines](#), the College has developed a collection of practice resources related to opioids. For a full listing of the resources including opioid stewardship and pain management, please visit: <http://www.cphm.ca/site/practiceresources?nav=practice>

Option B Pathway for Pharmacy Assistants Deadline Set for December 31, 2019

Across Canada, pharmacy regulatory bodies have set deadlines for pharmacy assistants to become registered as pharmacy technicians through the PEBC evaluating exam and NAPRA bridging pathway (Option B pathway). At the November 27, 2017 Council meeting, College Council set a deadline for the Option B pathway of **December 31, 2019**, with the following motion:

THAT *Council approves December 31, 2019, as the deadline for individuals currently working as a pharmacy assistant to complete and submit all requirements for listing as a pharmacy technician in Manitoba. After December 31, 2019, all applicants wishing to become pharmacy technicians would be required to have graduated from an accredited pharmacy technician education program.*

This means that by the end of 2019, a pharmacy assistant in Manitoba must successfully complete and submit all of the following Option B pathway components to the College if they want to become listed as pharmacy technicians through this transition pathway:

- PEBC Evaluating Exam;
- NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program;
- pharmacy technician-in-training application;
- Structured Practical Training Program;
- Jurisprudence Examination;
- PEBC Qualifying Examination Parts I and II; and
- application to be listed as a pharmacy technician with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba.

It is important that Option B candidates review all of the information for the Option B requirements as there are multiple obligations and deadlines to manage. For more information, please visit:

<http://www.cphm.ca/site/pharmacytechnicians?nav=practice#steps>

The College will also publish a more detailed article on the pharmacy technician listing deadlines for Options A and B pathways in the upcoming Winter Newsletter.

2018 CPhM and Young Leader Awards Open for Nominations

2018 College of Pharmacists of Manitoba Awards

If you or a pharmacist you know, has made a noteworthy contribution to patient care and safety or the practice of pharmacy, please consider submitting a nomination or application for one of the awards listed in the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba Awards (College Awards) [brochure](#).

The deadline for submitting nominations and applications for the 2018 College Awards is **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. The College has created [award submission guidelines](#) for your consideration prior to forwarding your nomination to the College's Awards & Nominating Committee.

Please send all nominations or applications to:

College of Pharmacists of Manitoba
Attention: The Awards & Nominating Committee – CPhM Awards
200 Taché Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R2H 1A7

Email: info@cphm.ca with the subject line: **Attention: The Awards & Nominating Committee – CPhM Awards**

Awards will be presented during the 2018 Awards Luncheon on **Saturday, May 12, 2018**, at the Manitoba Club in Winnipeg.

2018 Young Leader Awards

The Young Leader Awards celebrate the efforts of up to ten leaders in pharmacy practice. The recipients will receive a plaque to commemorate their contributions to the pharmacy profession and a \$500 cash prize.

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 patient care, the pharmacy profession or amongst their colleagues and peers at the University of Manitoba's College of Pharmacy.

If you or someone you know meet these criteria, please submit a nomination or application package including the nominee or applicant's Curriculum Vitae and a summary of their activities and contributions within pharmacy practice or within the University of Manitoba's College of Pharmacy.

The deadline for nominations or applications is **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**.

Please submit all nominations or applications to the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba:

By regular mail or email:

Mail: College of Pharmacists of Manitoba

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