



## Friday Five

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### College Receives Annual Dr. John Wade Patient Safety Initiatives Grant

The College is pleased to report it has been selected to receive one of two Dr. John Wade Patient Safety Initiatives Grants (Grant) for 2018 by the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS). The College will receive a \$6,200 grant to create a *Just/Safe Toolkit* for community pharmacies to help support a cultural shift from a blame-and-shame to a just-and-safe approach to medication incidents and near misses throughout the province.

The College offers its sincere gratitude to the selection committee and MIPS for this opportunity to enhance pharmacy practice and patient safety in Manitoba. For more information on the Grant, please see MIPS' [media release](#) and [website](#).

### Licence Renewals Complete

All licence renewals that were submitted by the November 30, 2017, deadline have been processed by the College. If you do not receive your practicing or pharmacy licence by Wednesday, December 20, 2017, please contact the College office by email on Thursday, December 21, 2017: [info@cphm.ca](mailto:info@cphm.ca).

### Oxycodone/Acetaminophen Backorder and Adaptation

The College has become aware of a backorder situation for all brands of oxycodone and acetaminophen combinations (Percocet). Members have contacted the College for guidance on possible

### Professional Development Opportunities

#### Online Programs:

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

[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

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

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

adaptation of prescriptions to provide oxycodone and acetaminophen separately. The [Practice Direction – Adaptation of a Prescription](#) states that a pharmacist may adapt a prescription when they are knowledgeable of the patient, the condition being treated and if the prescription product is not commercially available or may be temporarily unavailable.

In this case, however, the College does not advise pharmacists to adapt these prescriptions for oxycodone and acetaminophen combinations. Due to the nature of the medication and the increased risk for abuse and diversion of straight oxycodone, the College advises pharmacists to consult with the prescriber to discuss alternatives that are best for the patient, rather than adapting these prescriptions to straight oxycodone and acetaminophen. If the prescriber wishes to have the patient take the medication separately, the current prescription cannot be modified, but rather a new M3P prescription is required for oxycodone.

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## College Holiday Hours

The College's hours of operation for the holiday season will be as follows:

**Monday, December 25, 2017 – Closed (Christmas)**

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017 – Closed (Boxing Day)**

**Wednesday, December 27 – Friday, December 29, 2017 – Open  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 – Closed (New Years Day)**

Regular hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Have a safe and happy holiday season and take extra care to lock up medications to protect children when in unfamiliar homes and surroundings.

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