



Friday Five

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Federal Methadone Exemption No Longer Required

As communicated previously in the Friday Five and a notice to pharmacy managers, changes have been made to the Narcotic Control Regulations and the New Classes of Practitioners Regulations (Diacetylmorphine (Heroin) and Methadone) that will come into effect on **May 19, 2018**.

Practitioners of medicine, nurse practitioners, dentists and veterinarians who want to prescribe methadone will no longer need to obtain a federal methadone exemption from the Office of Controlled Substances, however, an approval must be obtained from the prescriber's provincial regulatory college in order to prescribe methadone and/or buprenorphine-naloxone for opioid replacement therapy or analgesia.

For more information on the federal changes, please see the [Health Canada's release](#) on the regulatory amendments.

At the May 11, 2018 meeting, Council approved updates to the [Opioid Replacement Therapy Guidelines for Manitoba Pharmacists](#) (ORT Guidelines) to reflect the changes.

For tips on safe methadone dispensing, please view

Professional Development Opportunities

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba presents:

[Culture Shift 101: Safety and Just Culture in Community Pharmacy](#)

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The University of Manitoba Rady Faculty of Health Sciences presents:

[What to do with What Lies Under the Dressing: A Primer on Wound Care](#)

Friday June 1, 2018

Opioid Replacement Therapy 101 Introduction to Clinical Practice

[September 13 & 14, 2018](#)
[November 22 & 23, 2018](#)

Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg Presents:

[The 22nd Annual Bug Day](#)

the "[Methadone Maintenance Treatment: Quick Guide to Keep your Patients, Staff and Community Safe](#)" resource document.

Pharmacy Technician Renewal Policy Approved by College Council

At the May 11, 2018 Council Meeting, a new policy was approved regarding the re-listing requirements for pharmacy technicians with insufficient practice hours and technicians returning from an absence from practice.

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). These practice hours should be documented by the pharmacy manager as part of the pharmacy technician's performance review.

The pharmacy technician re-listing policy outlines the provisional requirements pharmacy technicians must fulfill if they do not meet the 600 practice hours requirement:

*A pharmacy technician applicant that does not meet the 600 practice hours requirement may be listed with the condition they must practice under the **direct supervision**¹ of a pharmacist, until the 600 practice hours requirement is met.*

Council has also outlined the qualifying requirements for a pharmacy technician who does not renew their listing, but later decides to return to practice. The requirements vary depending on the length of time the applicant has been absent from practice.

When a pharmacy technician has been unlisted for less than three years:

A pharmacy technician applicant that has not been listed in less than the previous three years, prior to the year of application, must practice under the direct supervision of a pharmacist until the 600 practice hours requirement is met.

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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](#)

years:

A pharmacy technician applicant that has not been listed in the previous three years and not more than six years, prior to the year of application, must:

- *Successfully complete 240 hours of structured practical training under the direct supervision of a pharmacist;*
- *Successfully complete a jurisprudence examination; and*
- *Complete three times the amount of professional development as required by Council.*

When a pharmacy technician has been unlisted for more than six years:

A pharmacy technician applicant that has not been listed for more than six years, prior to the year of application must:

- *Successfully complete the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada OSCE Part II portion of the Qualifying Exam;*
- *Successfully complete 240 hours of structured practical training under the direct supervision of a pharmacist; and*
- *Successfully complete a jurisprudence examination and attain a passing grade of 70% or more.*

For more information on the practice hours requirement, please see the [2018 Spring newsletter](#).

¹ For more information on supervision, please see the Practice Direction on [Supervision](#).

Health Canada Releases Post-Consumer and Unserviceable Stock Guidance Documents

Health Canada has released guidance documents on post-consumer returns and unserviceable stock containing narcotics, controlled drugs, or targeted substances.

Post-consumer returns are unused or expired drug substances or drug products that may contain a narcotic, controlled drug, or targeted substance and that are returned by an individual consumer. Post-consumer returns do not include drug products returned to a hospital pharmacy from patient wards.

The guidance document outlines procedures for pharmacists who are involved in the collection, handling and destruction of these products. The roles and responsibilities of the pharmacist with respect to record keeping, storage and procedure for destruction are also outlined in the guidance document.

A pharmacist is responsible for securing the post-consumer returns that a pharmacy accepts until they are destroyed locally or sent off-site for destruction. Post-consumer returns should be deposited and stored in an opaque, tamper evident, single use, one-way entry container with a unique identifier. This container should be located in the dispensary, and access must be limited to pharmacy staff.

Please view the following Health Canada documents for more information:

[Guidance Document for Pharmacists and Dealers Licensed to Destroy Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances: Handling and Destruction of Post-consumer Returns Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

[Guidance Document for Pharmacists, Practitioners and Persons in Charge of Hospitals: Handling and Destruction of Unserviceable Stock Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

Updates from the May 11, 2018, Council Meeting

Council of the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba last met on May 11, 2018. Important highlights from the meeting include:

- The Phase I implementation deadline for the NAPRA Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Sterile Preparations has been revised to January

1, 2019;

- The M3P drug list has been revised to include Diacetylmorphine. Please review [the updated document](#) for other minor changes; and,
- Council has released the practice direction on test ordering by pharmacists for member consultation. Please review the draft [Practice Direction: Test Orders](#) and provide your feedback by email to feedback@cphm.ca by June 29, 2018.

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