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To: Notice to all Manitoba pharmacists

Naloxone nasal spray now Schedule II status

As of December 22, 2016, naloxone hydrochloride nasal spray, when indicated for emergency use for opioid overdose outside hospital settings, has been granted Schedule II status in Manitoba. The College document "[Guidelines for Pharmacists Selling Naloxone as a Schedule II Drug](#)" provides information more specifically to naloxone injection and will be adapted to discuss naloxone nasal spray. Pharmacists should review the Guideline document and be knowledgeable about the nasal spray device in order to train patients on proper administration. Individuals should be informed that the nasal spray cannot be primed or tested prior to administration. Once the plunger is depressed, the dose has been released. The Guidelines outline key patient counselling points for any naloxone product. With every purchase of naloxone, pharmacists should emphasize the importance of contacting emergency services (911) due to possible rebound toxicity. A take home kit should also be provided when dispensing naloxone nasal spray and include:

- 2 doses of naloxone 4mg nasal spray
- 1 rescue breathing shield with one-way valve
- 1 printed card with overdose signs and symptoms and overdose response steps
- 2 vinyl gloves
- 1 patient information leaflet on naloxone (supplied by the manufacturer and photocopied if need be)

For prescribing information, a patient information leaflet and/or a video on naloxone nasal spray see the manufacturer websites: <http://narcannasalspray.ca/> or <https://www.narcan.com/>

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