



Friday Five

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New Pharmacy Technician Final Medication Check Application

To date, 18 individuals have completed the requirements to become a pharmacy technician and be listed on the College directory. The title, pharmacy technician is restricted to individuals who meet the educational and professional qualifications set out in *The Pharmaceutical Act* (Act) and Regulation. The Regulation [section 60(1)] describes the tasks that may be performed by a qualified pharmacy technician under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. One such task is that a pharmacy technician may perform the final check of a prescription prior to dispensing it to the patient if:

- the process involved in checking the prescription at that pharmacy has been approved by Council; and,
- the pharmacist has reviewed the prescription (both new and refilled) and the patient's medication profile to determine and approve it is appropriate and safe for the prescription to be dispensed to the patient and has counselled the patient on the medication.

It is important to note that pharmacy managers and pharmacists remain responsible and accountable for all prescriptions dispensed to the patient even though a pharmacy technician may have performed the final check in a process approved by Council for that particular pharmacy.

Pharmacy managers interested in submitting an application to have a pharmacy technician perform the final check in the dispensing process at their hospital or community pharmacy should consult the [Pharmacy Technician Final Check Application section](#) of the College website.

Professional Development Opportunities

University of Manitoba College of Pharmacy presents:

[Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop](#)

Saturday, January 14, 2017

[Opioid Replacement Therapy: An Introduction to Clinical Practice](#)

COURSE FULL! If you are interested in taking this program at a future date, please contact Karen Sorenson at ksorenson@cpsm.mb.ca. Additional dates will be offered to satisfy demand for the program. _

Online Programs:

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

Final Awards Nomination Reminder

If you or a pharmacist you know, has made a noteworthy contribution to patient care and safety or the practice of pharmacy, this is a final reminder for you to honour them by submitting a nomination for one of the awards listed in the [College of Pharmacists of Manitoba Awards brochure](#).

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2017 College Awards is **January 10, 2017**. The College has created [award nomination guidelines](#) for your consideration prior to forwarding your nomination to the College's Awards & Nominating Committee.

Please send all nominations to:

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

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

Awards will be presented during the Manitoba Pharmacy Conference which takes place April 7-9, 2017.

Narcotics Returned by Patients

Patients are encouraged to remove unwanted, unused and expired medications from the home and return them to their pharmacy for proper disposal. In turn, pharmacists must ensure returned medications are destroyed in an environmentally safe manner according to legislation and applicable standards of practice, practice directions and guidelines.

When the medications being returned by patients include narcotic and/or controlled drugs, pharmacists have additional responsibility to ensure these drugs are stored securely and destroyed in accordance with federal legislation which requires documentation of the destruction.

Recently, Health Canada announced that pharmacies are no longer required to obtain permission from the Office of Controlled Substances to destroy narcotic and controlled drugs. However, as outlined in the [September 9, 2016, issue of the College's Friday Five](#), detailed records must be maintained outlining the name, strength and quantity of narcotics and controlled drugs destroyed, the date of destruction, and the names and signatures of the two health care professionals involved in the destruction and these records must be retained for a period of 5 years. **These requirements apply to all narcotic and/or controlled drugs that may be returned to the pharmacy by patients.**

Should it be necessary to store narcotics and controlled drugs returned by patients in the pharmacy until such time they may be destroyed or in accordance with the legislation, pharmacists must follow the [Narcotic & Controlled Drug Accountability Guidelines](#) to track this drug inventory in order to detect drug diversion and deter pilferage.

[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

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[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](#)

New Website Feature: Newsletter and Friday Fives are Now Searchable

Did you know you can now perform a key word search of the College's Friday Five and Newsletter publications?

The College's website has been upgraded to include a search tool when reviewing archived issues of the [Friday Five](#) and [Newsletter](#). Simply enter the key word you wish to search for within articles and announcements by the College on that specific item or topic. This function is available to all users and does not require login details.

The website search function is also available for broader searches and resources posted throughout www.cphm.ca. This separate search tool appears in the top banner of all website pages for the convenience of all who visit the site.

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