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To Manitoba Pharmacists,

Re: Regulated Titles for Nurse Practitioners

The College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM) is the professional regulatory body for registered nurses in Manitoba with the mandate of protection of the public. It has come to our attention that incorrect titles are sometimes being used in the labelling of prescription medications when ordered by a nurse practitioner. This may be due to a lack of clarity on the professional titles used by nurse practitioners in Manitoba.

In Manitoba, the regulated professional title Nurse Practitioner (NP) is synonymous with Registered Nurse Extended Practice, RN(EP). This means that RN (EP) and RN, NP are both protected titles under the Registered Nurses Act; their use is restricted to those individuals who have met and maintained the requirements for registration and have their name entered on the Extended Practice Register of the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba. This legal restriction assures the public that a person using one of the protected titles is entitled to practice nursing in Manitoba within the scope of practice determined by CRNM.

Each individual RN, NP/ RN(EP) may choose which one of these protected titles is most appropriate to their practice. Please note that all prescriptions ordered by Nurse Practitioners in Manitoba must therefore have the title RN, NP or RN (EP) following their name.

Sincerely,



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