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Some Nurse Practitioners Can Now Prescribe Narcotic and Controlled Drugs

Registered Nurses Extended Practice (RNEPs)/Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who have successfully completed an educational program on the safe and legal prescribing practices for narcotic and controlled drugs **are now starting to become authorized** to prescribe narcotic and controlled substances by the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM).

As mentioned in previous issues of the Friday Five, the CRNM has launched an online RNEP/NP directory ([CRNM Nurse Check](#)) on the CRNM website for pharmacists and other healthcare professionals to access and easily verify if the RNEP/NP has been granted authority to prescribe narcotics and controlled drugs. A link to the CRNM Nurse Check directory and information on the requirements of prescriptions written by RNEPs/NPs is also provided on the MPhA website under "Pharmacy Practice" and then "Additional Prescriber Information". RNEPs/NPs that do not have the authority to prescribe narcotics and controlled drugs will have a condition placed on their practising licence and this condition will be listed in the directory. The condition will be removed and will not appear in the directory once they have met the requirements.

In addition, the Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P) has recently made changes to the M3P prescription forms to accommodate for the authority of a RNEP/NP to prescribe narcotic and controlled drugs covered by the program. Those RNEPs/NPs who have the condition on their licence removed and are authorized, will receive personalized M3P forms with their name and unique prescriber number. Both the requirements of prescriptions written by RNEPs/NPs and those of the M3P must be met in order for a M3P prescription written by a RNEP/NP to be considered valid. This means that M3P prescriptions written by RNEPs/NPs must include the therapeutic indication.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Tobacco and Public Health: From Theory to Practice
Online Course

Please click [here](#) for more information about this online course.

May 2013

Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

For this month's list, please click [here](#)

May 24 - 26, 2013

Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians Professional Development Conference

Vancouver, BC

For more information, please click [here](#)

June 19 & 20, 2013

Manitoba Pharmacy Technician Conference

Registration deadline is June 3, 2013. For more information, please see the [program poster](#)

Important Update Regarding Administration of Injections Pharmacist Training

Over the past few months, MPhA Council made several motions that affect injections training in Manitoba as follows:

- In addition to the "Administration of Injections Training Program for Manitoba Pharmacists" that was developed by the MPhA in partnership with the Faculty of Pharmacy and Faculty of Nursing at the University of Manitoba, the MPhA will also recognize injection training programs in Canada that have current CCCEP Stage 2 accreditation. The "Administration of Injections Training Program for Manitoba Pharmacists" will continue to be offered to pharmacists throughout the year.
- As well, once pharmacists in Manitoba are legally able to provide injections, the MPhA will recognize pharmacists authorized to administer injections from other provinces that have been trained in a program that has Stage 2 CCCEP accreditation and/or has been taught to the fifteen (15) competencies and that is confirmed through documentation or letter of standing from the pharmacist's regulatory authority. In this case pharmacists would still be required to complete the Manitoba Specific Module.
- MPhA Council made a motion to allow pharmacists to obtain Level C CPR and Emergency or Standard First Aid certification before or after the skills workshop, but prior to applying to the MPhA for injection authority.

NOTE: All pharmacists MUST complete the CPR/First Aid requirement along with the online Manitoba Specific Module regardless of the initial program they completed , before applying for authority to administer injections in Manitoba . Information on the options for accessing the Manitoba Specific Module will be provided as soon as available.

Recording Methadone Doses in DPIN

When billing methadone to Manitoba Health, all pharmacies should be using the appropriate methadone pseudoDIN and stating the quantity in **mg of methadone** as per the [Methadone Guidelines](#) for labeling. This standard form of entry ensures accurate patient dosage information in DPIN and helps prevent any possible harm to the patient. For instance, when a methadone patient presents in the emergency department or is admitted to hospital, pharmacy staff will contact the dispensing pharmacy for the patient's current methadone dosage information. However, in some cases, if a patient enters the hospital after community pharmacy hours, the hospital pharmacy staff will use the patient's DPIN profile to determine their current methadone dose. When it is possible, follow-up confirmation of the methadone dose with the dispensing pharmacy or the prescribing practitioner should be done to ensure the correct dose is being given to the patient.

August 10-13, 2013

CSHP's 66th Summer Educational Sessions (SES)

For more information, please click [here](#)

October 3-6, 2013

COPD Management Module and Education Module (COPDTrec)

Registration deadline is Aug 8, 2013 for the October course. For more information, please click [here](#)

Sept 26 & 27, 2013

Hospice & Palliative Care Manitoba Provincial Conference

Registration deadline is July 31, 2013. For the registration information, please click [here](#)

Sept 19-20, 2013

Asthma Management Module and Education Module (AsthmaTrec)

Registration deadline is July 25, 2013. For more information, please click [here](#)

For additional professional development opportunities, please visit the PD page on our [website](#)

A Successful National Prescription Drug Drop Off Day

The Winnipeg Police Service reported 107 pounds of medications returned to local police detachments in Winnipeg on May 11, 2013, as part of the National Prescription Drug Drop Off Day. In addition, pharmacies have been reporting an increase in the amount of unwanted medications returned by patients for disposal through the Manitoba Medications Return Program.

While National Prescription Drug Drop Off Day promises to be a successful annual event, the MPhA would like to thank all pharmacies for their continued participation in assisting patients to keep their homes and the environment safer by collecting and disposing of unwanted medications each and every day of the year. To learn more about the Manitoba Medications Return Program and to enroll, make sure to visit their website at www.healthsteward.ca

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