



MPhA Friday Five

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Hello Lita!

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MZ Code and PMS - Clonazepam

MPhA has been informed that for a specific brand of Clonazepam – Pharmascience (PMS) that the DPIN network is unable to identify any incidents of MZ (duplicate therapy other pharmacy). This omission in the DPIN monitoring system does pose potential health and safety risks to patients if a patient is also on other forms of benzodiazepines. Manitoba Health has been notified and is undertaking steps to resolve the problem. In the meantime, pharmacists are advised to conduct a DPIN history search for patients receiving PMS-Clonazepam especially if the patient is new to the pharmacy. MPhA will inform members when Manitoba Health has implemented the correction to the DPIN monitoring system.

MPhA is Recruiting for the Assistant Registrar - Field Operations Position

The MPhA is recruiting for an **Assistant Registrar - Field Operations** position. For further information about the position, please see the [Position Announcement](#) , which can be found on the MPhA website at www.mpha.ca . Interested pharmacists are invited to apply by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Prepare for National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day on May 11, 2013

In Canada, prescription drug misuse represents a growing problem that impacts public safety and community well-being. Every day unused, expired or unwanted medications are taken by people they were not prescribed for or intended for resulting in harm including addiction, illness and, at times, death. From an enforcement perspective, criminal behaviour associated with prescription drug

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Tobacco and Public Health: From Theory to Practice *Online Course*

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

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Department of Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

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

May 2, 2013

MPhA Sponsored Program: **What's Your Motivation?** **Motivational Interviewing for Pharmacists**

Registration deadline is April 26, 2013. For the program poster, please click [here](#)

May 3, 2013

Administration of Injections Practical Skills Workshop

Registration deadline is April 26, 2013. For more information, please click [here](#)

May 6-9, 2013

abuse includes fraudulent use of the healthcare system, pharmacy robberies, drug-impaired driving and drug trafficking activity. In response, Public Safety Canada in conjunction with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Drug Abuse Committee and other partners have established a National Prescription Drug Drop-Off Day on May 11, 2013.

In Manitoba, the MPhA and MSP have partnered with other organizations including the RCMP, Winnipeg Police Service, the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety and The Health Products Stewardship Association (formerly known as PCPSA), the providers of the Manitoba Medications Return Program, to promote that the public dispose of unnecessary medications through their community pharmacy to keep their families and community safe. Plans are for partners to hold a media event on May 10, 2013 announcing the national drop-off day and promoting to the public that Manitobans may drop off their unused, unwanted and expired medications to their community pharmacy 365 days of the year. We will notify pharmacies of the details of the event as soon as they are finalized. In the meantime, pharmacists should begin to prepare for increased numbers of patients returning medications on and around these dates. If your pharmacy has not yet registered with and taken advantage of the added resources offered through the Manitoba Medications Return Program, the time is now to visit the MMRP website at www.healthsteward.ca/returns/manitoba

Nurse Practitioners will soon Prescribe Narcotics and Controlled Drugs: Introduction of New M3P Forms

The Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program has recently made a change to the M3P prescription forms to accommodate for the future authority of a Registered Nurse - Extended Practice (RNEP)/Nurse Practitioner (NP) to prescribe narcotic and controlled drugs. As RNEPs/NPs are required to include the therapeutic indication on prescriptions, the new M3P form includes a "Therapeutic Indication" section. Including the therapeutic indication on prescriptions improves patient care and safety. Knowing why the drug has been prescribed will assist the pharmacist in assessing whether the dosage prescribed is appropriate and individualizing patient medication counseling. All M3P prescriptions written by RNEPs/NPs* must include the therapeutic indication however, other prescribers for which this may not yet be a requirement, may also choose to include the therapeutic indication to improve their communication to the pharmacist about the patient.

In the next few weeks, RNEPs/NPs will be receiving personalized M3P forms with their name and licence number as is the case with other authorized prescribers of M3P drugs. Currently, RNEPs/NPs have **not** yet been authorized to prescribe narcotic and controlled substances by their provincial regulatory body, the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM) as they are required to successfully complete an educational program on safe and legal prescribing practices for narcotic and controlled drugs in order to be eligible for authorization. The CRNM has launched an online RNEP/NP directory ([CRNM Nurse Check](http://www.crnman.ca/CRNM_Nurse_Check)) on the CRNM website for healthcare professionals to access and easily verify the RNEP/NP's prescribing authority for narcotics and controlled drugs. RNEPs/NPs that do not have the authority to prescribe narcotics and controlled drugs will have a condition placed on their practising licence. When they have completed the requirements set by CRNM, the condition will be removed. A link to the CRNM Nurse Check directory is provided on the www.mpha.ca under "Pharmacy

Diabetes Educator Course

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

May 6, 2013

Centre on Aging 30th Annual Spring Research Symposium

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

May 8-10, 2013

Pain - closing the gap between bench & bedside

For more information, please visit their [website](#)

May 14, 2013

10th Annual Provincial Conference & Exhibition "Reaching New Heights"

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

May 15 - 16, 2013

Western Canada Health Information Privacy Symposium

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

May 24 - 26, 2013

Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians Professional Development Conference

Vancouver, BC

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

October 3-Oct 6, 2013

COPD Management Module and Education Module (COPDTrec)

Registration deadline is May

Practice" and then "Additional Prescriber Information".

In the April 26, 2013 issue of the Friday Five, this statement incorrectly included Clinical and Physician Assistants. To clarify, Clinical and Physician Assistants are **not authorized to prescribe narcotic and controlled substances. However, Clinical and Physician Assistants must include the therapeutic indication on all prescriptions they issue.*

3, 2013 for the October course. For more 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](#)

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