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To protect the health and well being of the public by ensuring and promoting safe, patient-centred and progressive pharmacy practice

MPhA Friday Five

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Compliance with New Tobacco Legislation - Update Pharmacy Profile Online

In the [April 12, 2013, Friday Five](#), the MPhA notified pharmacists of the [Non-Smokers Health Protection Amendment Act](#) which included prohibitions of the supply of tobacco or tobacco-related products in all pharmacies as well as any establishment with a pharmacy on the premise in Manitoba. Effective May 31, 2013, all pharmacies and retail establishments must have made changes to comply with the new legislation (please see the amendment for details.) Those pharmacy managers that previously indicated that their pharmacy sold tobacco products *must* now indicate their compliance with this new legislation by logging into their online pharmacy profile and checking "No" to tobacco sales.

Joint Statement on Transmission of Facsimile Prescriptions

The MPhA recently made revisions to the [Joint Statement on Transmission of Facsimile Prescriptions](#) to confirm out of province prescriber's prescriptions can be faxed (as it was previously):

Facsimile transmissions may be accepted from a practitioner registered to practice in any province of Canada and in compliance with the *Food and Drug Act* and regulations and, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* and regulations. (RN(EP), or similar nursing designation with prescribing authority and practicing in another province can be accepted. Clinical Assistant/ *Associate Member/Physician Assistants/Educational Register* prescriptions from out of province cannot be accepted.) At this time, **electronic transmission** of prescriptions from out of province practitioners cannot be accepted in Manitoba.

This updated joint statement is available on [mpha.ca](#) under "Legislation." If you have any questions about this update, please

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 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

contact our office at info@mpha.mb.ca or 204-233-1411 for clarification.

PD Program Slides and Handouts Posted on PD Programs Webpage

The MPhA sponsors several Professional Development (PD) programs throughout the year at the St. Boniface Research Centre in Winnipeg. The MPhA would like to remind pharmacists that, if available, the presenter slides and handouts for those PD programs will be posted on the [PD Programs webpage](#) a few days in advance of the program.

Upcoming PD Programs are announced in the Friday Five and on the [PD Programs webpage](#). Programs held at the St. Boniface Research Centre can also be viewed by live webcast from your home or by videoconference through host sites across rural Manitoba. Please visit the [PD Programs webpage](#) for more information.

Prescription and Refill Expiry Dates

Many pharmacy computer software programs have all prescription refills expire after one year from date of entry in the computer. However, prescriptions for benzodiazepines and targeted substances (and the three day maximum for the first fill of M3P forms) are currently the only prescriptions which have a legislated expiry date.

Prescriptions and all refills for benzodiazepines and targeted substances expire one year from the date the practitioner prescribed the medication, in accordance with the federal Benzodiazepine and Targeted Substances Regulation of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. The one year expiry starts with the date on the prescription and not the date it is presented for filling or the date it was first entered into the computer system. For all other prescription drugs there is no provincial or federal restrictions regarding expiry of prescriptions or prescription refills. The one year expiry date placed on all prescriptions is usually a corporate policy or third part contract that prevents the pharmacy computer system from automatically processing the refill. This limitation does not override the pharmacist's professional judgment to fill or not to fill a prescription. A review of the patient profile and their DPIN profile as well as discussion with the patient will help provide additional information to verify if the medication therapy is appropriate, the patient is compliant with the medication, the refill dose is up to date and the medication therapy is being monitored by his/her current physician. The pharmacist must also consider the medical condition for which the medication is prescribed when deciding to refill the prescription. As is always the case for prescription refills, other than those for benzodiazepines and other targeted substances older than one year that have expired, pharmacists must use their professional judgment in decisions regarding whether a prescription refill is valid.

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](#)

June 19 & 20, 2013

Manitoba Pharmacy Technician Conference

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

October 3-Oct 6, 2013

COPD Management Module and Education Module (COPDTrec)

Registration deadline is May 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](#)

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

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