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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 in collaboration with other health-care providers

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Pharmacist Awareness Month

The *Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety* (MIPS) is celebrating Pharmacist Awareness Month by inviting Manitoba's pharmacists and caregivers to plan a medication safety event. The Institute would like to support your event by way of offering resources and read-to-use presentation materials to conduct your session. Steps on how to host and schedule a medication safety event are outlined in the [Learn...to be safe!! Planner`s Guide](#).

Pharmacists can also raise awareness about medication safety with their patients using MIPS' It's Safe to Ask resources such as [5 Questions to Ask About Your Medications](#) and patient [Medication Cards](#).

If you would like to host an event in honour of Pharmacist Awareness Month, please review the Planning Guide and contact MIPS by phone at 204-927-6477 or 1-866-927-6477. If you contact MIPS by **February 15, 2017**, you will be eligible for one of 20 door prizes for use at your event.

Fentanyl and Other Drugs Community Forums

With the growing concern about the presence of fentanyl in Manitoba, the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM) is hosting a series of community forums across the province to increase awareness and provide information about fentanyl and other drugs for youth and families. The forums will feature presentations by experts from AFM including pharmacist Sheri Fandrey, Knowledge Exchange Lead for the AFM. A panel discussion and question and answer period with substance abuse experts will follow the presentations.

Professional Development Opportunities

University of Manitoba College of Pharmacy and the Max Rady College of Medicine present:

[The MEDS Conference: Medications, Evidence, and Decision Support](#)

Saturday, February 11, 2017

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Travel Health & Tropical Medicine Services present:

[Manitoba 14th Annual Travel Health Conference](#)

April 20 & 21, 2017
Winnipeg, MB

[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

Community forums will be held in Winnipeg on February 8 and 9, in Steinbach on February 16 and in Selkirk on March 6th. Everyone is welcome and the forums will be free to attend. Please see the [AFM poster](#) for more details.

Pharmacists attending one of the community forums may apply for an independent study accreditation by submitting a [request form](#) to the College by email to accreditations@cphm.ca or fax (204) 237-3468.

Drug Shortages

Occasionally, pharmacies are faced with a drug shortage from the manufacturer because the drug may be unavailable or on back order. Knowing that a patient will be looking for a medication that isn't available can be a great source of stress for a pharmacist. Please consider the following suggestions when confronted with a drug shortage:

- If it is a generic brand of drug that is short and other generic brands are available, consider switching your patient to an alternative, interchangeable brand;
- If the drug itself is short and there are no interchangeable brands, trade or generic, available, research alternative therapies that may be used in the interim. This would involve communicating with the prescriber to inform them of the drug shortage and the alternatives that are available;
- Work together with your colleagues in the community. If the prescription can legally be transferred, there may be pharmacies in your area willing to share or transfer your patient's prescription in the case of a drug shortage;
- **If applicable and it is safe to do so**, consider substituting a different strength of the drug in equal dosage. It is critical to know that not all medications can be halved or doubled and provide the same drug levels. **For example, Dilantin® Infatabs® 50mg cannot be substituted for Dilantin® 100mg capsules.** Dilantin® Infatabs® are formulated with the free acid form of phenytoin. Dilantin® 100mg capsules are formulated with the sodium salt of phenytoin. According to the CPS, "there is approximately an 8% increase in drug content with the free acid form over that of the sodium salt." If a patient were to be switched from a Dilantin® 100mg capsule to 2 x Dilantin® Infatabs® 50mg, the serum levels would need to be monitored and a dosage adjustment may be required in consultation with the prescriber. This is a good example of the importance of making sure a strength substitution is a safe alternative.

Annual Learning Portfolio Review Reminder

The College would like to remind members selected for the 2015-2016 Annual Learning Portfolio Review that your 2015 - 2016 Professional Development (PD) Log and supporting documents are

program. _

Online Programs:

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

[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#) _

Visit www.cphm.ca for more information on [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](#)

due to our office by **Thursday, February 2, 2017**.

The purpose of the Annual Learning Portfolio Review is to confirm a pharmacist's participation in the minimum required learning activities for licence renewal.

Pharmacists selected for the review received an email from the College on January 12, 2017 and are required to submit a copy of their PD Log, along with copies of the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Certificates and other supporting documents confirming their participation in the **accredited** learning activities declared on their 2015 - 2016 PD Log.

Documents may be forwarded to the College by email, fax, or regular mail:

Email: pdreview@cphm.ca or simply reply to this email. Please combine all documents into one attachment where possible.

Fax: (204) 237-3468

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