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Correction

In the Fall 2018 Newsletter, it stated that MITT and Robertson College offered in-class National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education courses. MITT and Robertson will NOT be offering the in-class bridging courses, therefore interested individuals would need to undertake the bridging program online through Selkirk College. For further information, please visit the NAPRA Pharmacy Technician Education Program link.

Council Meeting Updates

Safety IQ

Safety IQ is a standardized continuous quality improvement (CQI) pilot program which engaged twenty volunteer community pharmacies over the past year to anonymously report medication incidents and near misses to ISMP Canada for the purpose of shared learning and quality improvement. Upon review of an assessment of the pilot by St. Francis Xavier University and recommendations of the College
of Pharmacists of Manitoba’s (College) Quality Assurance Committee, Council on October 15, 2018 has approved the following motions regarding the Safety IQ Program:

1) Council approves implementation of Safety IQ within all Community Pharmacies in Manitoba.

2) Council directs that an Advisory Committee for Safety IQ be struck to develop a plan for implementation of the program in all community pharmacies in Manitoba, including training and education, evaluation, resource requirements and timelines.

In the next several months, the Safety IQ Advisory Committee will bring forward recommendations to Council on details of the future program and implementation timelines. For information on Safety IQ please visit the Safety IQ webpage on the College website. The College looks forward to developing and implementing a continuous quality improvement program that will benefit all Manitobans.

**Position Statement on Injection of Neuromodulators and Dermal Fillers**

The College has received requests from members to enter into a practice which involves injection administration of neuromodulators (ex. Botulinum toxin) and dermal fillers (ex. Hyaluronic acid and collagen) for cosmetic purposes. Although the revisions to The Pharmaceutical Act and the Regulation in 2014, permit pharmacists with the authority to administer drugs by injection, the complex nature of injection administration for cosmetic purposes is not within the scope of practice for pharmacists.

As specifically stated by Allergan, the manufacturer for Botox® Cosmetic, in the Botox® Cosmetic product monograph and Health Canada, Botox® Cosmetic should only be administered by physicians with appropriate qualifications and experience in the treatment, and in the use of the required equipment. The College supports this specific injection administration requirement for Botox® Cosmetic and all other dermal filler products, with the understanding that pharmacists are not authorized to
administer injections for cosmetic purposes.

It is College Council policy that the administration of drugs is for the purposes of pharmaceutical care, drug therapy management or, in other words, connected with drug therapy of the patient. Drug administration is not intended for other purposes such as cosmetic, nor are pharmacists authorized to administer cosmetics or cosmetic drugs.

Members should be aware that this practice falls outside the pharmacist’s scope of practice.

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**Patient Safety Week**

The College is proud to participate in Canadian Patient Safety Week 2018, taking place from October 29th to November 2nd. Along with the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI), we’re spreading the mission of *ASK. LISTEN. TALK*. The College is helping CPSI with its mission of providing extraordinary improvements in patient safety.

This year’s Canadian Patient Safety Week theme is *Not All Meds Get Along*, prompting patients and healthcare professionals to initiate medication reviews for anyone on 5 or more medications. Medication errors can result in severe harm, disability and even death, therefore everyone has a role to play in medication safety. Canadian Patient Safety Week encourages patients and healthcare professionals to start a conversation: use the 5 Questions to Ask About Your Medications when you talk with your patients about medication safety issues.

Be sure to visit CPSI’s Patient Safety Week webpage for tools and resources you can use around your pharmacy.

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**Standards of Practice**

**Practice Direction Review Survey (Sale of NAPRA Schedule 2 Drugs and Ensuring Patient Safety)**

Practice Directions carry similar legal significance to Regulations, it is therefore important that the
formation of a Practice Direction is made with due diligence, subject to analysis, review and response. In 2014, the College Council implemented a policy surrounding Practice Directions, which includes the requirement for assessment and regular review at a minimum of every 5 years. As a large number of Practice Directions (13 in total) received approval and were implemented in 2014, they are now due for their 5 year review.

The Standards of Practice Division of the Quality Assurance Committee is requesting your input and feedback within the review process of these Practice Directions. This includes your participation in a series of short surveys allowing for the collection of your responses and comments specific to the identified Practice Directions.

This particular survey within the series will be specific for two Practice Directions, focusing on Sale of NAPRA Schedule 2 Drugs and Sale of NAPRA Schedule 3 Drugs. The survey contains 8 questions, taking approximately 10 minutes for completion, and will remain open for the next 2 weeks. Your valuable input is greatly appreciated and will contribute towards the analysis and review of these specific Practice Directions.

The Practice Direction Review survey link can be found here.

**Standards of Practice Council Meeting Update**

With the “retirement” of the Community Standards of Practice as of October 31, 2018, the Standards of Practice Division has agreed to move the applicable outstanding practice standards information to existing practice directions, specifically the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction and the Records and Information Practice Direction.

Council has released these two practice directions for member consultation. Please review the draft amendments to the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction and the Records and Information Practice Direction and provide your feedback by email to feedback@cphm.ca by November 30, 2018.
ORT Workshop Update

The Opioid Replacement Therapy 101: Introduction to Clinical Practice, two day inter-professional workshop, is currently scheduled for February 28 – March 1, 2019, in Dauphin and March 21 – 22, 2019, in The Pas. The workshop is being held next in Winnipeg on November 22 -23, 2018, but is full. Spots are still available for pharmacists in the April 25 - 26, 2019, workshop in Winnipeg.

The workshops provide a multi-disciplinary training environment, designed for physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, and allied health to successfully complete training with the same high standard of knowledge and insight into the collaborative approach to best serve those struggling with opioid use disorder. For more information on the workshops and registration, visit here.

At least one pharmacist at each pharmacy that provides ORT must have specialized training in ORT. The pharmacist with specialized training is responsible for developing the pharmacy’s ORT policies and procedures and training all pharmacists who will be dispensing methadone and/or buprenorphine at their practice site. Please see the Opioid Replacement Therapy Guidelines for Manitoba Pharmacists for more information on training requirements.

Abbott Recall

The College has become informed of a recent Health Canada issued food recall warning involving Abbott brand formulated liquid nutritional products. An initial recall for three specific products due to possible bacterial contamination was issued by Health Canada on September 23, 2018. The details of this recall can be found here. On October 15, 2018, Health Canada updated the Abbott brand food recall warning to include a number of additional products. The updated recall can be found here.

Pharmacies offering front store products, including food items, are reminded of their obligation to be aware of and compliant with all Health Canada issued food recalls and safety alerts.
Pharmacies wishing to subscribe to updates on all Health Canada issued food recall notifications, food safety, and animal and plant health updates, can sign up through the following link.

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