



Friday Five

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2019 Practicing Pharmacist and Pharmacy Licence Update

In order to provide timely notification to pharmacists, employers, and pharmacy owners regarding the 2019 practicing pharmacist and pharmacy licence renewals, the Pharmacist Directory and Pharmacy Directory have been updated to include 2019 licence renewal information.

A field has been entered just below a pharmacist's name on [Pharmacist Directory](#), which indicates whether or not a pharmacist has met the renewal requirements. To see if a pharmacy has met the licensing requirements for 2019, please check the field below the pharmacy name in the [Pharmacy Directory](#). Please contact [Bev Robinson](#) via e-mail should you have any questions or concerns regarding the renewal information posted on these directories. Of note, the physical 2019 licences for practicing pharmacists and pharmacies have been processed by the College, and are in the mail.

Professional Development Opportunities

Opioid Replacement Therapy 101 Introduction to Clinical Practice

[February 28 & March 1, 2019 \(Dauphin\)](#)

[March 21 & 22, 2019 \(The Pas\)](#)
[April 25 & 26, 2019](#)

Online Programs:

[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

Option B Deadline - Pharmacy Technicians

Across Canada, pharmacy regulatory bodies have set deadlines for pharmacy assistants who did not complete a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician education program to become pharmacy technicians through the PEBC Evaluating Exam and NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program ([Option B pathway](#)). The deadline for Option B candidates to complete all requirements for listing as a pharmacy technician in Manitoba is **December 31, 2019**. Manitoba and two other provinces have a December 31, 2019 deadline, while the deadline for becoming a pharmacy technician through this pathway has already passed in the remaining provinces.

PEBC Evaluating Exam

The last administration of the PEBC Evaluating Exam was **October 13, 2018**. Pharmacy assistants who wish to become listed as a pharmacy technician, but who did not pass the Evaluating Examination will be required to complete a CCAPP-accredited pharmacy technician program ([Option A Pathway](#)) to become pharmacy technicians.

NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program

In addition to the PEBC Evaluating Examination, pharmacy assistants under Option B pathway must also complete the [NAPRA National Pharmacy Technician Bridging Education Program](#). NAPRA Bridging courses are now only available online through Selkirk College. Both the Evaluating Exam and Bridging courses must be completed prior to undertaking either the Jurisprudence exam or the Structured Practical Training program requirements. Therefore, although the Bridging courses are available through 2019, the courses need to be completed to allow sufficient time to complete the remaining requirements for listing by the deadline of December 31, 2019. Please visit the [Selkirk College website](#) for application and deadline information.

The College includes information on the listing requirements for pharmacy technicians on the [Pharmacy Technician page](#), the [Pharmacy Technician](#)

on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

[Resource Guide](#) and in its [quarterly newsletter](#).

Registered Nurse Authorized Prescriber - New Prescribing Authority

Under the *Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA)*, a new designation has been created for registered nurses in Manitoba - Registered Nurse Authorized Prescriber or RN(AP). The RN(AP) is allowed to independently order diagnostic tests and prescribe medications from a defined schedule in any of the following areas:

- travel health,
- reproductive health, sexually transmitted infections, blood borne pathogens, or
- diabetes health.

Registered nurses must complete an approved course and receive a notation from the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba (CRNM) to practice as an RN(AP). The CRNM Scope of Practice document for RN(AP)s and the drug schedule can be found [here](#).

CRNM has recently authorized the first RN(AP)s in the area of travel health. A pharmacy can confirm a RN(AP)'s designation using Nurse Check on the CRNM website. Prescriptions written by a RN(AP) can be entered into DPIN using their alpha numeric prescribing number with an "R" prefix followed by 5 digits.

Additional information regarding RN(AP) can be found on the CRNM website. The Prescribing Authority Table on the College website has been updated to reflect these changes and can be viewed [here](#).

Council Meeting Updates

Standards of Practice – Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction

A member and stakeholder feedback consultation for the draft amendments to the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction concluded on November 30, 2018. The collected feedback was reviewed by Council for

consideration and further direction.

On December 10, 2018, Council approved the amendments to the Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction.

An important addition to the amended practice direction is the requirement for all pharmacy facilities to have an appropriate secure narcotic safe for the storage of all narcotic and controlled stock inventory. The requirement for a narcotic safe is intended as a locked and stable security measure, acting as a physical deterrent to narcotic loss/theft, and to assist with continued narcotic management and accountability. Pharmacy owners and managers are reminded that narcotic cupboards, shelves, and locked drawers will not be considered compliant with this new practice direction. Pharmacy facilities with these types of narcotic storage will require the installation of a physical narcotic safe in accordance with the approved practice direction.

The amended [Pharmacy Facilities Practice Direction](#) is now in effect, and it is important for pharmacy owners and managers to ensure their pharmacy facility is compliant with all of the additional changes.

New Independent Study Accreditation Package

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians may submit learning activities involving independent study and research for accreditation by the College. A [Professional Development Independent Study Accreditation Package](#) has been developed to provide pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with more direction on the types of learning and requirements to qualify for accreditation of an independent study. It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure that the activity meets the criteria outlined in the package and that the learning experience is applicable to pharmacy practice.

As of January 1, 2019, pharmacists and technicians wanting to apply for accreditation of independent studies must follow the new criteria and submit a completed application form found in the document.

The Professional Development Independent Study Accreditation Package can be found on the College website on the [Program Accreditation page](#), under

“Information for Pharmacists.”

For more information or questions, please email the College at accreditation@cphm.ca or call 204-233-1411.

Non-Sterile Compounding Standards Approval

On December 10, 2018, Council approved the implementation timelines of the NAPRA Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-Sterile Preparations. The Standards, as well as the Council-approved timelines are available on the College’s [website](#).

All pharmacies involved in non-sterile compounding should familiarize themselves with the Standards and begin preparation for implementation. Depending on the types of compounding a pharmacy conducts, there may be significant changes required both to processes and to facilities.

All pharmacies in Manitoba must be in compliance with phase 1 of the non-sterile standards by April 1, 2020.

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