



Friday Five

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Implementation of Lab Test Ordering by Community Pharmacists

With the introduction of the new *Pharmaceutical Act* in Manitoba in 2014, pharmacists were granted the authority to order and receive the results of laboratory tests following the guidelines and restrictions set out in the Regulation and the appropriate practice directions. Test ordering by pharmacists remains the last of the included practices to be implemented to fully execute the legislation from 2014.

A phased-in approach of lab test ordering by pharmacists in Manitoba for patients who are not inpatients of a hospital (“outpatients”) is currently underway. A call for interested pharmacies to participate in the initial implementation was sent to all practising pharmacists earlier this morning, and pharmacy managers were invited to indicate their interest by February 8, 2019. The notice can be found [here](#). Approximately ten pharmacies will be invited to participate in the first phase of the roll out, and those selected will be contacted by the College in

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 \(Winnipeg\)](#)
[June 20 & 21, 2019 \(Thompson\)](#)
[September 13 & 14, 2019 \(Winnipeg\)](#)

[The MEDS Conference](#)

January 26, 2019

[Dementia Care 2019 Professional Conference](#)

March 4 & 5, 2019

Online Programs:

[Ordering Lab Tests for Manitoba Pharmacists](#)

Visit www.cphm.ca for more information on [Expanded Scope of Practice](#)

mid-February.

Based on feedback from pharmacies who participate in the first phase, changes may be made and lab test ordering will then be opened to all pharmacies who have met the requirements.

All pharmacists wanting to include test ordering for outpatients as part of their practice must complete the *Manitoba Module: Ordering Laboratory Tests*. Successful completion of the Manitoba Module does not automatically grant pharmacists the authority to order lab tests for outpatients in Manitoba. Following successful completion of the Manitoba Module, which includes successfully completing the post-test and receiving a Statement of Participation, pharmacists must sign in to their profile on the College website and declare they have completed the required training by inputting the module completion date. More information regarding this process as well as links to the Practice Direction: Test Orders, Process Map for Test Ordering by Community Pharmacists, and other important documents can be found on the College website [here](#).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding lab test ordering or its implementation, please contact Meret Shaker, Practice Consultant, at the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba by phone 204-233-1411 or email mshaker@cphm.ca.

Annual Learning Portfolio Review

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College) is currently conducting the 2017 - 2018 Annual Learning Portfolio Review. Approximately twenty percent of licensed pharmacists are randomly selected to participate in this process.

As part of the 2019 licence renewal, pharmacists were required to complete their 2017 - 2018 Professional Development (PD) Log by documenting their total hours involved in accredited and non-accredited learning activities during the period of November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018.

The purpose of the Annual Learning Portfolio Review is to confirm all accredited learning activities included

training.

[Self-Limiting Conditions Independent Study Program](#)

Visit www.cphm.ca for more information on [Expanded Scope of Practice](#) training.

All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

in the selected pharmacist's 2017 - 2018 online PD Log. Pharmacists chosen for the review who are authorized to administer a drug or vaccine by injection must also include a copy of their valid CPR (Level C or HCP) and First Aid (Emergency or Standard) certificate issued by the training provider.

Please check your primary email inbox and your junk inbox for this email to see if you have been selected to participate.

Medicinal Cannabis – No Deliveries to Pharmacies

The College has received several questions asking if a pharmacy can accept medicinal cannabis deliveries from a licensed cannabis seller on behalf of a patient.

As stated in the federal Cannabis Regulations, medicinal cannabis cannot be shipped to a patient's pharmacy. The shipping address can be the client's residence, mailing address if it differs from the patient's residence, or the office of the health care practitioner who provided the medical document, and has consented to receive cannabis products on the patient's behalf. It is important to note that pharmacists are not included in the definition of a health care practitioner in the Cannabis Regulations.

For more information please see Section 279(2)(e) of [The Cannabis Regulations](#).

Destruction of Narcotics, Controlled Drugs, and Targeted Substances

The Narcotic Control Regulations (NCR) places the responsibility on the pharmacist to protect the narcotics in their possession. Pharmacists are responsible for the security of the narcotics, including post-consumer returns and unserviceable stock until they are destroyed. Accumulation of drugs to be destroyed can present an increased risk for diversion and therefore destruction should occur on a regular basis.

Health Canada no longer requires pharmacists to request and receive pre-authorization for local

destruction of unserviceable and post-consumer return narcotics, controlled and targeted drugs.

Pharmacists have two options for the destruction of narcotics, controlled and targeted drugs:

1. Send or return to licensed dealer

Dealers licensed to destroy controlled substances can accept post-consumer returns as well as unserviceable stock. Pharmacists may also return the controlled substance to the licensed dealer who provided the stock originally. These processes must include a written order signed by the licensed dealer, outlining all the details of each controlled substance sent back for destruction.

2. Local destruction

The drugs to be destroyed must be denatured in a manner that renders the consumption of the controlled drug impossible or improbable. The denatured controlled substances are then be placed in a suitable waste container for disposal in an environmentally acceptable manner. The method for destruction of controlled drugs, as well as the disposal must conform to all applicable federal, provincial and municipal environmental legislation. Flushing the medications down the toilet or sink, or depositing in a sharps container are not considered acceptable methods of disposal.

Drugs to be destructed cannot be transported from the pharmacy to a secondary location, such as a personal residence, or another pharmacy for the purpose of destruction. The local destruction must occur at the pharmacy in possession of the controlled drug. There is no provision in the legislation for a pharmacist to transport narcotics and controlled substances for purposes other than providing these substances to a person after receiving a prescription from a valid, authorized prescriber.

Destruction of the narcotic and controlled drugs must be carried out in the presence of two **health care professionals**.

Health care professionals include: pharmacists, practitioners, nurses, pharmacy interns and regulated pharmacy technicians. The two health care

professionals must conduct a witnessed count of the controlled substances together as a component of the destruction process.

Documentation of the destruction must be maintained at the pharmacy for a minimum of 5 years, as required by provincial regulations. The following information must be recorded:

1. Name, Strength and quantity of the drugs being destroyed
2. Date of destruction
3. Name of two health care professionals witnessing the destruction

Please refer to the following Health Canada Guidance documents for more information:

[Health Canada Guidance Document for Pharmacists, Practitioners and Persons in Charge of Hospitals: Handling and Destruction of Unserviceable Stock Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

[Health Canada Guidance Document for Pharmacists and Dealers Licensed to Destroy Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances: Handling and Destruction of Post-consumer Returns Containing Narcotics, Controlled Drugs or Targeted Substances](#)

Summer Student Opportunity

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba has an exciting summer job opportunity for a pharmacy student. The College is looking for someone who is passionate about patient safety and is keen to contribute to exciting patient safety initiatives at the College.

Read the [job posting](#) for more information on this opportunity. Applications are due February 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to Stacey Hjorleifson, Senior Administrative Assistant, at shjorleifson@cphm.ca.

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