



Friday Five

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Health Canada's Consultation on Cannabis Health Products That Would Not Require Practitioner Oversight

Until September 3, 2019, Health Canada has a consultation on the potential market for cannabis health products that would not need practitioner oversight.

The goal of the consultation is to gain feedback from Canadians to understand the types of cannabis health products they would be interested in purchasing, manufacturing or selling if legally available in Canada, without the oversight of a healthcare practitioner.

Health Canada hasn't determined how these products will be reviewed and say that they will establish a scientific expert advisory group/panel to review the level of evidence required to determine cannabis health product safety and efficacy. Further information on the consultation and how to provide feedback is found in the Health Canada Document: [Consultation on Potential Market for Cannabis Health](#)

Professional Development Opportunities

Opioid Replacement Therapy 101 Introduction to Clinical Practice

[September 13 & 14, 2019](#)

[\(Winnipeg\)](#)

[November 7 & 8, 2019](#)

[\(Morden/Winkler\)](#)

[December 5 & 6, 2019](#)

[\(Winnipeg\)](#)

[The 28th Annual Palliative Care Conference](#)

September 12 & 13, 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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[Products that would not Require Practitioner Oversight.](#)

Changes to Remuneration Process for Publicly-funded Vaccines

Ever since pharmacists' scope of practice has expanded to include administration of publicly-funded vaccines, pharmacists have had a positive impact in increasing access to flu immunizations for Manitobans. Pharmacists should check their [patients' eligibility](#) for other publicly-funded vaccines listed on Schedule 2, which includes the HPV, Tdap, Td, Pneumo-23, and flu vaccines. Pharmacists should also let their patients know that they are eligible for a publicly-funded vaccine to ensure patients are up to date on their immunizations.

If the pharmacist is unsure of the patient's history of immunization, they may fax Manitoba Health, Seniors, and Active Living (MHSAL) using the [Request for Client Immunization History](#) form to see if a patient is eligible or is due for an immunization.

In June 2019, MHSAL declared that pharmacists are no longer required to invoice them for doses of publicly-funded vaccines that have been administered to patients with valid PHINs. Instead, pharmacies will receive payment for these doses on a quarterly basis according to the entry of the two-letter PS code (which should be used for all pharmacist-administered vaccines, whether or not they are publically funded) into DPIN. Only DPIN data with the PS code gets uploaded into the Manitoba's Immunization Registry and the patient's immunization record.

All vaccine providers (including pharmacists) MUST order all publically funded vaccines from the provincial vaccine warehouse, using the [Manitoba Health Vaccines and Biologics Order Form](#), and NOT from their wholesaler. This ensures that all eligible patient are receiving such doses from the provincial stock, as MHSAL cannot reimburse individuals who have been charged out of pocket for a vaccine they should have received free of charge as part of the provincial immunization program. Questions related to the immunization program can be directed to the MHSAL

All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

office at 204-788-6737.

Foquest® (Methylphenidate Extended-Release) Remains on the M3P Program

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College) has received questions about the Manitoba Prescribing Practices Program (M3P) status of Foquest® (Methylphenidate Extended-Release), a drug used to treat attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Foquest® remains on the M3P drug schedule, and must comply with the M3P prescription and dispensing requirements.

In October 2018, The College sent out a [notice](#) to all pharmacists and physicians advising of the College Council and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba's joint decision to remove three long-acting stimulants: lisdexamfetamine (Vyvanse®), methylphenidate OROS (Concerta®), methylphenidate MLR (Biphentin®), along with their generics from the M3P schedule of drugs.

Of note, immediate release methylphenidate products are still on the M3P drug schedule. The updated list is found [here](#). The three drugs named above are still required to follow all other [provincial](#) and federal regulations with regards to controlled drugs. Therefore, verbal orders are not permitted, but electronic transmission or by fax is acceptable. In addition, only part-fills are permitted, and the prescription cannot be transferred to other pharmacies.

SMART Pharmacist Podcast – ISMP seeking help

ISMP Canada developed the first series (or pilot phase) of **SMART Pharmacist Podcast** in Fall 2018 and it is currently available on [SoundCloud](#) and [iTunes](#). It consists of 5 episodes:

SoundCloud:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-987300055>

iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/smart-pharmacist-podcast/id1417535258?mt=2>

1. [Introduction to Medication Safety](#) (10 minutes)
2. [The Aftermath of an Incident](#) (14 minutes)
3. [Medication Incidents Associated with Students](#) (14 minutes)
4. [Compounding Errors](#) (16 minutes)
5. [Drug-Drug Interactions in the Elderly Population](#) (16 minutes)

We would like to invite you to listen to **any** of the above episodes and provide us with your comments and feedback. If you can fill in the following [5-minute survey](#) **by Sunday, June 30, 2019**, that would be greatly appreciated. We will review your suggestions and consider developing our second series of **SMART Pharmacist Podcast** this fall. Thank you.

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