



# Friday Five

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## Conscientious Objection - What do I Need to Know?

The College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (College) encourages pharmacists to review the Conscientious Objection Practice Direction, in the event that they object to the provision of a pharmacy product or service due to moral or religious beliefs. Pharmacists in Manitoba **can** object to providing a pharmacy product or service, however a pharmacist **cannot** do the following:

- **Describe the reason** or basis of the objection to the patient;
- **Influence** or attempt to influence a patient's opinion;
- **Obstruct** access to patient information, care, or services.

A pharmacist **must** guide the patient or prescriber to a pharmacist or pharmacy that can provide the desired service or product.

In June 2019, the provincial government announced work towards universal coverage of Mifegymiso, an abortifacient, in Manitoba. Mifegymiso is **not** yet universally covered in Manitoba. However, pharmacists should be aware.

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

[Self-Limiting Conditions Independent Study Program](#)  
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Pharmacists who object to the provision of Mifegymiso, or the provision of any other drug or service due to moral or religious beliefs, must declare their objection to the pharmacy manager well in advance of a possibility of receiving a request for the product or service. The pharmacist and pharmacy manager should develop a proactive plan, in order to guide a patient to a pharmacy that is able to provide the pharmacy product or service.

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## **FYI: Health Canada Releases Final Regulations on Cannabis**

Health Canada has published the final amended regulations for the legal production and sale of edible cannabis, cannabis extracts, and cannabis topicals. These amended regulations will come into force on October 17, 2019. Provincial governments have the ability to strengthen federal legislation, so the sale of these products may vary by province.

Please be reminded of the [College's Position Statement on the Sale and Advertising of Cannabis for Non-Medical Use](#).

For information on these regulations, please refer to these resources from Health Canada:

[Final regulations: Edible cannabis, cannabis extract, cannabis topicals](#)

[News Release](#)

[Backgrounder](#)

[FAQ](#)

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## **ISMP Med Safety Exchange Webinar on July 17**

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (ISMP Canada) is holding a Med Safety Exchange webinar on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

A medication incident relating to blister packaging in a community pharmacy will be presented as well as the

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All PD opportunities are listed on the College website under

[Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities](#)

analysis and changes implemented by the pharmacy as a result of their analysis. Other topics presented will include prevention of controlled drug diversion in hospitals and an update from the Canadian Patient Safety Institute on educational support for mandatory reporting.

Med Safety Exchange Webinars are hosted on a bi-monthly basis, with different topics every time. You are encouraged to use these complimentary 50-minute webinars to learn about medication safety research and practical applications that rise out of incident analysis.

You can view previous recording on their website. Topics include Vanessa's Law, opioid harms, miscommunication of insulin dosing, sterile compounding, electronic prescribing, and more.

To learn more or register for Med Safety Exchange Webinars, visit <https://www.ismp-canada.org/MedSafetyExchange/>

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## 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 ISMP with your comments and feedback. There is no longer a survey end date. ISMP will review your suggestions and

consider developing a second series of **SMART Pharmacist Podcast** this fall. Thank you.

[Podcast Survey](#)

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