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# The Island Capsule

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***Regulating the practice of pharmacy in the province so as to promote a high standard and safeguard the welfare of the public with regard to pharmaceutical service.***

## Continuous Quality Improvement-Coming Soon

The Model Standards of Practice set out the responsibility for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to manage medication incidents and address unsafe practices. To date, the College has not provided specific direction on how to achieve this standard and has allowed pharmacy permit holders and managers to determine what steps were needed to meet the standard.

With recent literature focusing on elements of a continuous quality improvement (CQI) model to support increased patient safety, the College created a committee to draft a standard for the implementation of a CQI program, which was presented to Council at the September 2017 meeting. The Council of the PEI College of Pharmacists has accepted the recommendation of the committee to move forward with a CQI program that will include mandatory medication incident reporting for community pharmacies. The details of the program will be finalized over the coming months and shared with members at that time.

What is Continuous Quality Improvement?

Continuous quality improvement (CQI) involves an ongoing and systematic examination of an organization's work processes and the employment of scientific methods to identify and address the root causes of quality issues and implement corresponding changes.

# Sink or Swim? Helping Patients and Practitioners to Understand Opioid Potencies and Overdose Risk

The ISMP Canada's Safety Bulletin Volume 17, Issue 8 outlines a new tool that will help practitioners to share information on the risks and benefits of opioids with their patients. The tool, which is designed in the form of an infographic, is directed specifically to patients and their healthcare practitioners. For more information on the tool select the link below to read the bulletin.

[ISMP Canada Safety Bulletin Volume 17, Issue 8](#)

## You Are Invited to Participate!

Dear Pharmacy Professionals or Members:

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Dr. Certina Ho, Lecturer, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto and Project Lead at the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada. The objective of this research study is to seek your views on the safety culture in community pharmacies in PEI. The PEI College of Pharmacists will not be informed on who participated or did not and that participation will not affect your relationship with the College as a member.

De-identified, aggregated data collected in this survey will inform the College of any challenges and opportunities faced by community pharmacies trying to improve or maintain continuous quality improvement. Neither the College nor ISMP Canada will be informed of who participated in the survey. This data will be an important resource for the College and its members and for pharmacy practice in Canada.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a 15-minute online questionnaire – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAQinPEI>

By clicking on the above link and completing the questionnaire, you have indicated your consent to participate in the study. For more information about ethics approval and consent regarding this study, please see the information at the bottom of this letter.

The questionnaire deadline is Friday, October 27, 2017.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact Adrian Boucher, Research Assistant, at [adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca). Further, if you would like to receive a copy of the results of this study, please contact Adrian at [adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca) directly.

Sincerely,

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*This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the Office of Research Ethics at the University of Toronto, which can be reached at [ethics.review@utoronto.ca](mailto:ethics.review@utoronto.ca) or 416-946-3273 if you have any questions about your rights as participants of this study. The final decision about participating in this study is yours.*

*The research study you are participating in may be reviewed for quality assurance to make sure that the required laws and guidelines are followed. If chosen, (a) representative(s) of the Human Research Ethics Program (HREP) may access study-related data and/or consent materials as part of the review. All information accessed by the HREP will be upheld to the same level of confidentiality that has been stated by the research team.*

*A formal consent for participation in this survey is not required. However, should you wish to provide your express consent to the University of Toronto, please contact Adrian Boucher at [adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:adrian.boucher@mail.utoronto.ca) for more information.*

## Important Dates

### PEICP Jurisprudence Exam

The next regular sitting of the PEI Jurisprudence Exam will be held Monday October 16, 2017 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the PEI College of Pharmacists Office. Application and payment must be received by Wednesday October 11, 2017 to secure a seat. Applications can be found in the member portal.

### PEBC

The deadline for application for the Winter sitting (April 7-8, 2018) of the PEBC Qualifying Exam for pharmacy technicians is December 8, 2017. There are 2 sittings remaining of the Qualifying exam before the December 31, 2018 registration deadline for the transition pathway applicants.

## Council Seeks Nominations

The Council of the PEI College of  
Pharmacists is seeking

## PEI College of Pharmacists Council

Kilby Rinco-President  
Leslie Heusdens-Vice President

nominations for a pharmacist position on Council. Pharmacists in good standing that are interested in running for the Council position are asked to complete a [Council Nomination Form](#) and submit to the PEI College of Pharmacists office by Friday October 13 at 4:00 pm.

Allan Greene-Past President  
Elizabeth Kennedy-Lord-Treasurer  
David McLeod  
Jeff Jardine  
Alicia McCallum  
William Caw-Public Rep  
Jim Ross-Public Rep  
Roger Doiron-Public Rep  
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