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Dispensing Aids in the Pharmacy

Dispensing aids, such as pill counters and methadone dispensers, when used appropriately, are tools that can facilitate and increase the safety of the medication dispensing process. However, when dispensing aids are not maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, patients may be at risk for serious adverse events due to inaccurate measurements.

Pharmacy managers are reminded to ensure that any device used during the dispensing process should be calibrated, cleaned, maintained, or serviced in an appropriate interval as directed by the manufacturer. Pharmacy managers should document these activities in a maintenance log for each device used in the pharmacy and ensure staff are aware of policies and procedures in place to carry out regular maintenance.

Controlled Drugs and Substance–Verbal orders

Members are reminded that when taking verbal orders for Controlled Drugs Part I (Adderall XR, Biphentin, Concerta, Dexedrine, Ritalin), refills are not permitted. Pharmacists may only accept refills for Controlled Drugs Part I when receiving written or faxed orders (on an acceptable fax form) from prescribers.

Advertising of Products and Services

Did you know?

Requirements with respect to the advertising of medications and pharmacy services are described in the Pharmacy Act General Regulations S.21.

In general, a pharmacy or a member employed at a pharmacy may not share advertisements, in any form or medium, that:

- (a) contain descriptive or qualifying words, including “professional”, “trusted”, “prompt”, “licensed”, “accurate”, “cheap”, or words of similar meaning or intent;
- (b) contain the words “specialist” or “expert” or words of similar meaning or intent;
- (c) claim or imply exclusivity of any aspect of the practice of pharmacy;
- (d) compare, directly or indirectly, the services of pharmacies or the abilities of members;
- (e) promise more effective services or better results;
- (f) express disapproval of, or criticize services provided in or by, other pharmacies or members employed or engaged in other pharmacies;
- (g) disclose personal information respecting patients without express consent;
- (h) advertise Schedule I drugs;
- (i) offer any inducement, including a gift, prize, rebate, bonus or loyalty points, in relation to prescription drugs, pharmacy services or professional services; or
- (j) in the opinion of the Council,
 - (i) be inaccurate or misleading due to the inclusion or exclusion of information,
 - (ii) misrepresent pharmaceutical knowledge or fact, or
 - (iii) create unrealistic expectations respecting services or outcomes

Before sharing any advertisement for a pharmacy service, ensure that the advertisement is in compliance with the Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, advertisements in print (newspaper, magazine), radio, websites, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).

Important Dates

PEI Jurisprudence Exam

The PEI College of Pharmacists has posted the jurisprudence exam sittings for 2018. They are as follows:

October 22, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

December 10, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

Additional dates may be added to accommodate pharmacy assistants completing the transition pathway in time for the December 2018 registration deadline.

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