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Registration Deadline– Extended Practice Certifications

Pharmacists are reminded that the deadline for registration renewal for Extended Practice Certificates is March 31, 2018. Online renewal and payment must be received in the PEI College of Pharmacists office by the deadline. Online renewal can be completed from the member home page of the PEI College of Pharmacists website.

Office of Controlled Substances Community Pharmacy Inspections

In 2015, Health Canada announced that it would conduct 1000 compliance promotion inspections in community pharmacies across the country by 2019 - 100 inspections were planned for April 2015 to March 2016 and 300 per year are planned for fiscal years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

The objectives of the Community Pharmacy Inspection Program are to: promote compliance among pharmacists; strengthen cooperation and communication between Health Canada, pharmacists and their provincial authorities and associations; and facilitate national information sharing to combat prescription drug misuse including problematic opioid use.

The PEI College of Pharmacists recently held a meeting with a representative from the Office of Controlled Substances to review the inspection program and inspectors' findings. These findings will be shared over the next 3 Island Capsule newsletters to inform pharmacists and pharmacy technicians how to improve processes with respect to controlled drugs.

Purchase Records

In accordance with the Narcotic Control Regulations S.30, a pharmacist who receives a narcotic from a licensed dealer shall immediately enter the following in a book, register or other record maintained for such purposes:

- a) the name and quantity of the narcotic received;
- b) the date the narcotic was received; and
- c) the name and address of the person from whom the narcotic was received.

Inspectors routinely found that the date of the purchase invoice was recorded instead of the date the narcotic was received. In addition, purchases from other pharmacies for emergency purposes were often not recorded leading to discrepancies when inspectors conducted reconciliation exercises.

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should review their processes to ensure compliance with record keeping requirements relating to controlled substances.

CPR/First Aid and Insurance

A requirement of registration renewal for pharmacists in the Part A or Direct Patient Care Register is evidence of up-to-date CPR/First Aid and professional liability insurance. Please ensure that evidence of both are uploaded into your member profile on the PEI College of Pharmacists website. Once the documents are uploaded, the expiry dates for CPR/First Aid and professional liability insurance in the member profile will be updated by staff.

Important Dates

PEI Jurisprudence Exam

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

April 16, 2018 9:30-11:30 am NEW

June 18, 2018 9:30-11:30 am

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.

PEBC

The deadline for application for the Summer PEBC Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Exam for pharmacy

technicians is June 8, 2018.

Good Friday

The office of the PEI College of Pharmacists will be closed on March 30, 2018 in observance of Good Friday. The office will reopen on Monday April 2, 2018.

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