

# The Island Capsule

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## *Drug Administration in PEI Webinar*

The PEI College of Pharmacist, in partnership with the PEI Pharmacists Association, will present a webinar that will review the legislation around drug administration as well as provide information on distribution processes for the upcoming influenza season and offer clinical pearls that will assist pharmacists when administering vaccines. The webinar will be held September 16, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 pm and will be accredited with 1.5 CEUs. Those interested in registering for the webinar are asked to email [info@pepharmacists.ca](mailto:info@pepharmacists.ca). Deadline for registration is Monday, September 14, 2015. Registrants will receive an email with the link to the webinar by September 15, 2015.

### MISSION

*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.*

## *Pharmacy Technician A Protected Title*

When the new Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) became effective in September 2014, it provided the authority for the PEI College of Pharmacists to register, license and regulate a brand new class of registrant and health care professional – the pharmacy technician.

To become licensed, pharmacy technicians need to meet rigorous entry to practice requirements including educational requirements, satisfying structured practice experience

## *Disposal of Medications*



The PEI College of Pharmacists has received information from the RCMP indicating that pharmacies may not be disposing of medications appropriately.

Pharmacy managers must ensure, when staff are disposing of medications from the pharmacy, that patient confidentiality is maintained. Any information that may identify a patient, such as the prescription label, must be removed and disposed of in a confidential manner.

The medications for destructions are to be altered or denatured to render consumption improbable or impossible. Drugs may be altered or denatured using soapy water or another suitable vehicle to make a slurry before disposal by a waste management company.

requirements and passing the nationally administered PEBC examinations. Once licensed, pharmacy technicians are required to maintain their skills through ongoing continuing education. They must practice in accordance with standards of practice and a code of ethics and are legally responsible and held accountable for their work through the PEICP's complaints and discipline processes.

In addition to creating the pharmacy technician as a new class of registrant, the RHPA and Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations also provides title protection for pharmacy technicians. Section 89 (1) of the Act states that no person, other than a member, shall use the designation of a member of a regulated health profession as set out in the regulations, or any other title, name, description, abbreviation or derivative implying that a person is a member of a regulated health profession. Section 22 of the Regulations outlines the titles, abbreviations, and initials that a pharmacy technician may use which include: pharmacy technician, Pharm Tech, PhT, and RPhT.

Pharmacy Managers need to ensure that their staff are appropriately identified to the public. Patients recognize health professional titles because they indicate a degree of competence. In the interest of public safety and the public's confidence in the pharmacy profession, it is critical that the title "pharmacy technician" only be used by those who are registered with and regulated by the PEI College of Pharmacists.