

# The Island Capsule

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## *Election Results are in!*

The PEI College of Pharmacists held an election last week for a new pharmacist council member. The votes have been tabulated and the successful candidate is Allan Greene, Pharmacy Manager at Murphy's Parkdale Pharmacy. The PEI College of Pharmacists would like to thank the candidates for running in the election and welcome Allan to Council.

### 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.*

## *Methadone Compounding*

The PEI College of Pharmacist would like to remind members that, in accordance with the *Methadone Maintenance Treatment Services- Practice Directives for Community Pharmacists*, a commercially prepared methadone 10 mg/mL solution shall be used when dispensing prescriptions for methadone solution for opioid dependence. Compounding a methadone solution that is commercially available is in contravention of the *Food and Drug Act-Good Manufacturing Practices Regulations*. Pharmacists may compound methadone solution for a concentration that is not commercially available, for example, a 50 mg/mL methadone solution for a palliative patient.

Member should also be aware that changes to the NIHB formulary now include methadose 10 mg/mL as a benefit for NIHB clients. **NIHB no longer reimburses compounded 10 mg/mL methadone solution from powder for NIHB clients.** For more information on NIHB claims, please contact FNIHB Atlantic Regional Pharmacist, Jennifer Ross Makhan ((902-426-4357) or visit the NIHB website <http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/nihb>.

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