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Cold Chain

With the influenza vaccine season upon us, the PEI College of Pharmacists would like to remind pharmacists about the cold chain requirements for vaccines. *Vaccines are sensitive biological products that may become less effective, or even destroyed, when exposed to temperatures outside the recommended range*¹. Pharmacists must ensure that the vaccine stock in their stores is maintained at a temperature between 2°C and 8°C for vaccines requiring refrigeration. Refrigerator temperatures must be monitored and recorded twice daily for breaks in the cold chain. Pharmacists are also reminded that if they transport vaccines to off-site clinics or transfer vaccines to other stores, the vaccines must be packaged and temperature monitored in compliance with the [National Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines](#).

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.

CCAPP Accredited Pharmacy Technician Grads prior to September 22, 2014

The Council of the PEI College of Pharmacists have approved a Policy that will allow graduates of CCAPP accredited programs prior to September 2014, who are approaching or have already surpassed the requirement to register with the College within 3 years of graduation, to register without having to fulfill additional time service. The PEI College of Pharmacists had not been in position to register CCAPP graduates until legislative changes took effect on September 22, 2014. To view the policy, please select the following link: [CCAPP Grads Prior to September 22, 2014](#).

Dalhousie Pharmacy Endowment Fund Advisory Board

The Dalhousie Pharmacy Endowment Fund Advisory Board is seeking a pharmacist to serve a three year term. The PEI College of Pharmacists is responsible for appointing a member to the Board. Interested pharmacists may contact the PEI College of Pharmacists office and submit a maximum one page summary of their pharmacy practice experience and pharmacy community involvement. Please submit summaries to the PEI College of Pharmacists office by Friday, October 30, 2015. For more information, please go to the [Endowment Fund webpage](#).

1. National Vaccine Storage and Handling Guidelines, 2015. Public Health Agency of Canada