

The Island Capsule

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Council Election

Pharmacists elect new Council member

The election to fill a vacant council position, left by the resignation of Jonathan Broderick, was held June 26, 2015. The Council of the PEI College of Pharmacists would like to congratulate Kilby Rinco on being elected to Council. Kilby is the Manager of Operations East for Health PEI and brings experience in both hospital and retail to the Council table. The College would like to thank everyone who put their name forward to run in the election.

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.

Defining Roles in the Pharmacy

Embracing the Pharmacy Technician

While there is no single model of workflow to integrate a pharmacy technician into practice, the objective is that both the technician and pharmacist optimize their roles. Each site may integrate a technician differently depending on staffing, prescription volume or layout of the dispensary.

The Technical Check

Technicians are responsible and accountable for the technical aspects of all prescriptions that they check, both new and refill when another person has prepared the prescription (e.g. the correct patient, product and prescriber in accordance with the [Edition 1, Volume 3](#)

Extended Practice Certificate in Methadone and Suboxone Dispensing

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Pharmacists will be required by April 1, 2016 to obtain an Extended Practice Certification (EPC) in dispensing methadone and buprenorphine in order to dispense either of these drugs. In order to apply for an EPC in dispensing methadone and buprenorphine, pharmacist must complete either the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Opioid Dependence Treatment Core Course or a course approved by Council. The PEI College of Pharmacists will be developing an online course that will be available January 2016. This course will satisfy the education requirement for an EPC. Details will be provided later in 2015.

prescription). Pharmacists remain responsible and accountable for the therapeutic/clinical appropriateness of all prescriptions, both new and refill. Pharmacy technicians, prior to releasing the product to the patient, must be assured that the pharmacist has completed a therapeutic check. The pharmacy manager will need to establish a process and workflow that will identify both the technician and the pharmacist responsible for a completing a prescription. Traditionally, responsibility has been declared through signatures or initials however pharmacies may wish to consider other mechanisms within well-defined protocols or policies to accomplish acceptance of responsibility.

The PEI College of Pharmacists currently has 6 pharmacy technicians registered. The deadline for registration is December 31, 2018. Once the deadline passes, only those who have completed a CCAPP accredited pharmacy technician program will be eligible for registration. Contact the College of Pharmacists office for more information, or visit the PEI College of Pharmacists website, www.pepharmacists.ca

Disposal of Expired Narcotics

Pharmacies are reminded that they must request authorization to destroy any expired or unusable narcotic or controlled drug, with the exception of targeted drugs, from the Office of Controlled Drugs and Substances in Ottawa, phone: 613-954-1541, fax: 613-957-0110. The Compliance Unit requires the following by letter:

- Date of the request
- Full name and address of the pharmacy
- List of drugs by name including quantity, strength, lot# and expiry date
- One list for products from the pharmacy inventory and a separate list for products returned to the pharmacy by patients
- The name and license number of the pharmacist requesting permission to destroy the items

Once the request has been granted, the controlled drugs can be destroyed rendering them unusable. The destruction must be witnessed by another individual who may be another pharmacist or practitioner.