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Drug Administration in PEI Webinar

The PEI College of Pharmacists, 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.

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.

Returning Medication to Stock

Ideally, all patients would be compliant with their medications. However, pharmacies often find that their prescription pick-up drawers contain prescriptions that were not picked up by their patients. Some prescriptions are never started by the patient and many more are stopped by the patient or physician without the pharmacist knowing.

Most often, a staff member is assigned the task of going through the drawers to weed out those prescriptions that have not been picked up within a specified time frame.

Adult Immunization Survey

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The Chief Public Health Office has recently developed the *Adult Immunization Policy* as part of an Adult Immunization strategy. Key deliverables in the project are:

1. A clearly defined adult immunization schedule for distribution to those who immunize and to the public;
2. An Adult Immunization Registry

The Chief Public Health Office is seeking the assistance of immunizers by completing a survey on adult immunizations. The link to the survey can be found below. The survey will be open until the end of August.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PWTGYB6>

There is more to consider when placing the prescriptions that have not been pick up by the patient back into pharmacy inventory:

1. Why has the patient not picked up their medication? For example, has the patient been experiencing unwanted side effects and decided to stop the medication on their own. Following up with the patient can often identify these situations and potentially mitigate a patient stopping their treatment prematurely.
2. Has the prescription been credited back to the patient's profile? Currency of the patient's medication profile is crucial to the safety of the patient. When the patient profile indicates that a patient has taken a medication but the prescription is still sitting in the drawer, medications errors may occur.
3. Has the prescription been credited back to the patient's private insurance or public drug program and the provincial drug information system?
4. Can the expiry date and lot number be retrieved for the medication? Placing a medication back into stock without knowing the expiry of the medication may place another patient at risk when the medication is dispensed again. Ensure that there is a system in place to verify the expiry and lot number prior to re-dispensing the medication.