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Missed Doses of Methadone

The pharmacist is often the first member of the inter-professional team to become aware that the patient has missed doses. The PEI College of Pharmacists Treatment of Opioid Dependence provides guidance to pharmacists when discussing missed doses of methadone with prescribers. When patients miss 2 consecutive observed doses of their methadone, the prescriber should be contacted to discuss next steps and the missed doses documented in the patient daily witnessed ingestion log. Tolerance to opioids, including methadone, is lost rapidly. If the regular dose of methadone is given after a period of missed doses, there is a risk of overdose and death. Physicians have the option to complete the Physician-Pharmacy agreement (Appendix F- Practice Directives) which provides an opportunity for physicians to indicate how the

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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 should handle missed doses for their patients. Pharmacists are encouraged to share and discuss the agreement with prescribers as well as other treatment agreements initiated by either the pharmacist or prescriber. Communication between the pharmacist and the prescriber is crucial to ensure the patient's opioid dependence treatment is optimized.

Pharmacy Student Registration

Students are reminded that they must be registered as a student with the PEI College of Pharmacists prior to beginning any structured or unstructured practice experience in PEI. One of the registration requirements is a preceptor/site approval form. Preceptors and sites must be approved prior to beginning practice experience. The application for student registration can be found on the PEI College of Pharmacists website under the licensing tab. Once a student submits an application, they can log into the member area of the website to access the preceptor/site approval form. **Please note that any students that were registered prior to April 1, 2016 will have their registrations extended to September 15, 2016. You will not be required to renew until then.**