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Naloxone change in Schedule Status

Health Canada removed naloxone from the Prescription Drug List in March of 2016 after a public consultation period. Until such time as a request for drug scheduling change was submitted to the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee (NDSAC), naloxone remained as a schedule I drug in PEI. On June of 2016, NDSAC received a submission for a drug schedule change for naloxone. The final recommendation of the committee, which became effective June 24, 2016, is **Naloxone hydrochloride injection, when indicated for emergency use for opioid overdose outside hospital settings – be granted Schedule II status**. The National Drug Schedules have been updated accordingly. Patients and their agents can now purchase naloxone, without a prescription, from a pharmacy with a pharmacist intervention.

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.

The PEI College of Pharmacists will be providing guidance to pharmacists over the next week on meeting the expectations of the Standards of Practice with respect to naloxone dispensing. Stay tuned for more information.

Canada Day

The PEI College of Pharmacists office will be closed Friday July 1, 2016 for Canada Day. The office will reopen on Monday July 4, 2016 at 8:30 am.

Dal CPE to Offer Free CEs during Fall Refresher

This year Dalhousie Continuing Pharmacy Education (Dal CPE) is joining the College of Pharmacy's Dalhousie Homecoming weekend festivities/events and will be offering free CE Presentations. Homecoming events will include the Fun Run, White Coat Ceremony, Dinners, Reunions, Receptions, and more. The Refresher (CEs) will be held on Saturday October 15th only. Presentations will be held at the brand new CHEB building in Halifax (on the corner of Summer St. and University Ave). To reserve your spot for the FREE Refresher (CEs) – email dalcpe@dal.ca. Space is limited.