Flu Shot Season - Coming to a Pharmacy Near You

As the fall approaches, we are reminded that the flu shot season will soon be upon us. This is a great opportunity to review the regulations pertaining to injections.

Pharmacists, who hold an Extended Practice Certification in Drug Administration can both prescribe and inject any vaccine that is listed in Schedule B to the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations. Pharmacists are not authorized to inject any other vaccine that is not listed in Schedule B.

The Regulations also place age restrictions on who the pharmacist may prescribe and administer a vaccine. Pharmacists may only administer to the following:

a) A vaccine, including influenza, to a patient over the age of 18 years;

b) Influenza vaccine by injection to a patient between the ages of 5 and 18 years;

c) Influenza vaccine by intranasal means to a patient 2 years of age or older;

d) A drug other than a vaccine to a patient 5 years of age or older.

Questions about Drug Administration? Contact the PEI College of Pharmacists office 902-628-3561 or info@pepharmacists.ca

Vaccines of Schedule B

In accordance with sections 17 and 18 of the regulations, pharmacists are authorized to administer vaccines for the following diseases:

(a) diphtheria and tetanus;
(b) diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis;
(c) hepatitis A and hepatitis B;
(d) herpes zoster;
(e) pneumococcal disease;
(f) human papillomavirus;
(g) influenza

Where the vaccines are listed together, a pharmacist may only provide these vaccines together. For example, a pharmacist may prescribe and administer TwinRix (Hep A and Hep B) but not Havrix (Hep A alone).