Clarification - Vaccine Administration

The PEI College of Pharmacists provided a brief review of the authorizations given to pharmacists around drug administration as set out in the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations in the previous volume (36) of the Island Capsule. The College wishes to clarify previous statements regarding the ability of pharmacists to administer vaccines for certain diseases. Pharmacists who hold an Extended Practice Certificate in Drug administration may prescribe and administer vaccines for the diseases listed in Schedule B to the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technician Regulations. However, there is no requirement in the Regulations to administer vaccines for the diseases in Schedule B together as previously communicated.

In other words, a pharmacist may administer vaccines for Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B together as Twinrix or separately as Havrix, for example. The College has had the opportunity to clarify this position and we apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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.

College Seeking Volunteers

The PEI College of Pharmacists is seeking pharmacists and technicians interested in participating on an ad-hoc committee to review the draft NAPRA Draft Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-Sterile Preparations.

The review will be completed in October and November with comments being submitted to NAPRA by December 9, 2016.

Interested individuals are asked to contact the PEI College of Pharmacists by emailing mwyand@pepharmacists.ca by Friday, September 30, 2016.