The Island Capsule

College/Department of Health and Wellness to Draft Regulations for Fentanyl Patch Return Program

The Council of the PEI College of Pharmacists passed a motion in September 2015 to explore the implementation of a fentanyl patch return program on PEI. With the fentanyl drug abuse issues plaguing the rest of Canada, the Council wished to be proactive in addressing the fentanyl issue and investigate options to alleviate the diversion of licit fentanyl patches.   As reported by local RCMP, drug abuse trends move from West to East and trafficking trends in Eastern Canada show the illicit users have diverted fentanyl patches.

 The College met, during the winter of 2015, with RCMP and the PEI College of Physicians and Surgeons and also initiated discussions with the Department of Health and Wellness to seek out support for a return program.

> ### 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 Department of Health and Wellness amended the PEI Pharmacy Act during the spring sitting of the legislature to provide the PEI College of Pharmacists with regulation making powers with respect to transdermal narcotic patches. Drafting of the required regulations that will see a fentanyl patch return program initiated in Island pharmacies will occur over the fall and winter of 2016/2017 with a proposed implementation in 2017. The Department of Health and Wellness will be consulting with stakeholders during the process.

PEI Pharmacy Act Amendment

Code of Ethics

The Council of the PEI College of Pharmacists has been working over the past few months to review the PEI College of Pharmacists Code of Ethics. Council has approved a draft document that is being shared with stakeholders for feedback. Any feedback should be provided to the College office by November 11, 2016 by selecting the survey monkey link below. A link to the draft Code of Ethics can also be found below.

Draft Code of Ethics

Survey Monkey for Comments/Feedback

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