

# The Island Capsule

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## Physician-Assisted Death (PAD)

The Criminal Code of Canada prohibits assisted death. However, in February 2015 the Supreme Court of Canada, in the Carter v. Canada decision, found that the prohibition in the Criminal Code violates an individual's Charter right to life, liberty and security of person in some circumstances. As a result, the Supreme Court invalidated the criminal prohibition to allow physician-assisted death when all of the following are met:

- The patient is a competent adult.
- The patient has given clear consent to the termination of life; and
- the patient has a grievous and irremediable medical condition (including an illness, disease or disability) that causes suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition.

### 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 Supreme Court granted federal and provincial governments one year to develop legislation to accommodate the decision and recently granted a four month extension to June 6, 2016. . The PEI College of Pharmacists will be monitoring the implementation of legislation in PEI and will be working collaboratively with others to advocate that appropriate legislation be implemented, as many questions remain. The PEI College of Pharmacists will continue to provide information to members as we receive it. For more information on PAD, please select the following links:

<http://www.scc-csc.ca/case-dossier/info/sum-som-eng.aspx?cas=35591>

[ACP- Physician Assisted Death](#)

[Provincial-Territorial Expert Advisory Group on Physician-Assisted Dying](#)

## *Optimizing Opioid Dependence Treatment in PEI*

The PEI College of Pharmacists is pleased to announce that the Optimizing Opioid Dependence Treatment in PEI program is now live on the Advancing Practice website. To access the program, please click the link below or copy and paste the address into your web browser. The cost of the program is \$200.00 + HST and is accredited for 6.5 CEUs. The program will fulfill the requirements to apply for an Extended Practice Certificate in Dispensing Methadone and Suboxone.

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## Record Retention

The PEI College of Pharmacists recently approved the Record Retention-Electronic Storage of Prescriptions Policy. The policy was created to give additional guidance to members as a result of a Health Canada interpretation of the Food and Drug Regulations section C.01.041.1 on written prescriptions. Health Canada advised that their interpretation of the term “written” includes:



- 1) The original written prescription, or
- 2) The electronically-scanned copy of the original prescription

Health Canada further clarified in their communication that if an original prescription is scanned into a secure electronic database, the legal requirement to store a “written prescription” is considered met and there is no need to retain the original hand-written/printed prescription.

Please select the link below to review the Policy.

[Record Retention-Electronic Storage of Prescriptions](#)

## CE Carry Over

The PEI College of Pharmacists extended the CE year for 2015 to end on February 28, 2016 instead of December 31, 2015. The change was made to align the CE year with the renewal year since completing continuing education is a requirement for renewal of registration for pharmacists and technicians. Recognizing that many pharmacists and technicians completed their continuing education requirements prior to the announcement of the CE year change, the PEI College of Pharmacists will allow members to carry over CEUs that they have completed from January 1, 2016 to February 28, 2016 to the new CE year which will begin on March 1, 2016. This allowance will occur only for the 2015 CE year. Please direct any questions you may have to the PEI College of Pharmacists office 902-628-3561 or [info@pepharmacists.ca](mailto:info@pepharmacists.ca)