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Prescription Validity During a Suspension

As a reminder, when a pharmacy professional receives new prescriptions or requests for refills when a prescriber passes away, is suspended, retires or otherwise ceases practice, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan's position is that as long as the prescriber was licensed at the time the prescription was written, it is considered a legally valid prescription.

As such, as long as the prescription is not more than a year old, it would still be considered a legal prescription.

The real question in this instance is whether filling or refilling the prescription is appropriate, which needs to be assessed on case-by-case basis. A patient who does not have proper practitioner follow up for their medication needs should be advised to seek the services of an alternative practitioner.

For more information, please see the SCPP reference document [Prescription Validity](#).

Health Canada Launches Online Data Collection Tool for Medically Important Antimicrobials (MIAs)

Health Canada has launched an online data collection tool to help with reporting sales of medically important antimicrobials (MIAs) for veterinary use. The following is taken from a notice from the Veterinary Drugs Directorate.

"In support of the [regulatory requirement](#) to report annual sales of medically important antimicrobials (MIAs) for veterinary use, the Veterinary Drugs Directorate has launched a user friendly online data collection tool to facilitate reporting. This online tool, called the Veterinary Antimicrobial Sales Reporting (VASR) System, is now available for use by relevant stakeholders to report 2018 sales by the deadline of March 31, 2019.

This requirement to report sales applies to manufacturers, importers, and compounders of medically important antimicrobials for veterinary use, and supports our antimicrobial surveillance program and stewardship.

Those impacted by the sales reporting rules may contact us at hc.vasr-vavr.sc@canada.ca to be added to the VASR system to report annual sales. Please visit our updated 'Veterinary antimicrobial sales reporting' [web page](#), which provides more information on sales reporting."

Has Your Workplace or

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For up-to-the-minute information, news and events, visit the homepage of the SCPP website: www.saskpharm.ca.

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To download a PDF of this e-newsletter, click [here](#).

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