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Report from the Registrar

It is hard to believe a full year has passed since my initial appointment as Registrar for the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP). As I reflect on the year, I am grateful for the support of our membership, the wonderful staff at SCPP who made the transition into my new role easier and to President Kosar and all of Council for their dedication to serving the public interest and for their support during my transition.

I would also like to thank Associate Registrar Ray Joubert for his mentorship and support throughout 2018. The Registrar transition was successfully completed throughout 2018 as planned and during this time Ray Joubert was also fulfilling duties as Associate Registrar, which included but was not limited to work on the travel health framework, professional autonomy framework, and various other consultations and policy work within the SCPP office.



Jeana Wendel, Registrar

Organizational Review and Environmental Scan

Although SCPP has an incredible team of staff and volunteers, one thing that became clear early in my first year was the need to complete a strategic human resource review. This has occurred at the administrative level and plans are underway to review our governance. As you are aware the practice of pharmacy has grown and changed significantly in the past few years and there have been significant policy and practice changes that have occurred and continue to approach us. After completing a high level review of all of the core work within SCPP, and future work on the immediate horizon, it was determined that some changes needed to be made in order for SCPP to be able to complete our work, be able to respond to our membership, to ensure as regulators we are successfully meeting our mandate of public protection and the ability to maintain self-regulation of the profession of pharmacy.

After a thorough environmental scan and in-depth review a new organizational structure was created and presented to our Finance Committee for approval in September and finalized and approved by Council on February 14, 2019. Beginning in early 2019 and continuing throughout the middle of 2020 SCPP will be hiring additional staffing resources in order to fulfill our mission. One of the identified areas was the need to build out a policy and professional practice division in order to manage all the policy changes within the regulation of pharmacy practice. This division will consist of a Director of Policy and Legislation, a Professional Practice Consultant and a part time Policy Analyst. We had been trialing this throughout 2018 with Associate Registrar, Ray Joubert, acting as the Director of Policy and Legislation, Kim Samoila our part time Policy Analyst and a Professional Practice Consultant, Nick Fattore whose

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in Regina.

Council began the meeting with an *environmental scan* of the issues which had been brought to the attention of Council members since the last scheduled Council meeting. This scan allows Council to identify mega issues arising from the internal and external environment and determine what implications they may have to the strategic plan and goals of the Council.

Some issues are common across the province and some were unique to specific areas including:

- Drug shortages continue to be an ongoing issue, many of which are compromising the ability of patients to manage their health.
- Members of the public are asking pharmacists for more information about the proposed ban of exempted codeine products.
- One Council member described their experience participating in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) for the management of chronic pain. ECHO is an electronic platform held every two weeks and is accessible to all practitioners in Saskatchewan. Participants from many different disciplines come together and a hub-spoke model is utilized to connect experts with primary care providers and create knowledge sharing networks.
- The role of SCPP in community pharmacy's sale of products with questionable health benefits, such as weight loss teas.
- The shortage of flu vaccine in some areas of the province.
- The lack of and inability to recruit pharmacy technicians to community pharmacy and rural Saskatchewan.
- The need to continue to educate pharmacists about the role of cannabis in patient care.

The *Registrar* provided a *report to Council* which included the following highlights:

- From October 22/18 to March 31/19 pharmacists administered 153,574 doses (47%) of 324,537 publicly funded flu vaccination administered compared to 41% in 2018. Of those doses, 6,685 were administered to clients outside of the pharmacy and 5,638 were provided to children between the ages of five and eight years.
- Nick Doulias is the newly appointed Executive Director of the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch.
- An update and clarification was provided as to the HIV point of care testing pilot project which is occurring at the Queen City Wellness Pharmacy in Regina. The pilot project is being conducted by nurses in conjunction with the Wellness Wheel. Patients receive their HIV status via the point of care test at the pharmacy and nurses are on site to speak to patients about a positive diagnosis and next steps. Currently point of care testing is not permitted in pharmacies due to restrictions on *The Medical Laboratory Licensing Act*. The College was consulted on this pilot project and informed that a lab license had been obtained and the project had received ethics approval.
- The Canadian Pharmacists' Association (CPhA) will be conducting a workforce survey, "It's Time to Take Stock of Our Workforce". More information will follow in future reports from CPhA.
- New staff hires were discussed, including our new Field Officer, Fatima Khan and a temporary staff hire for staff on extended leave due to family reasons.

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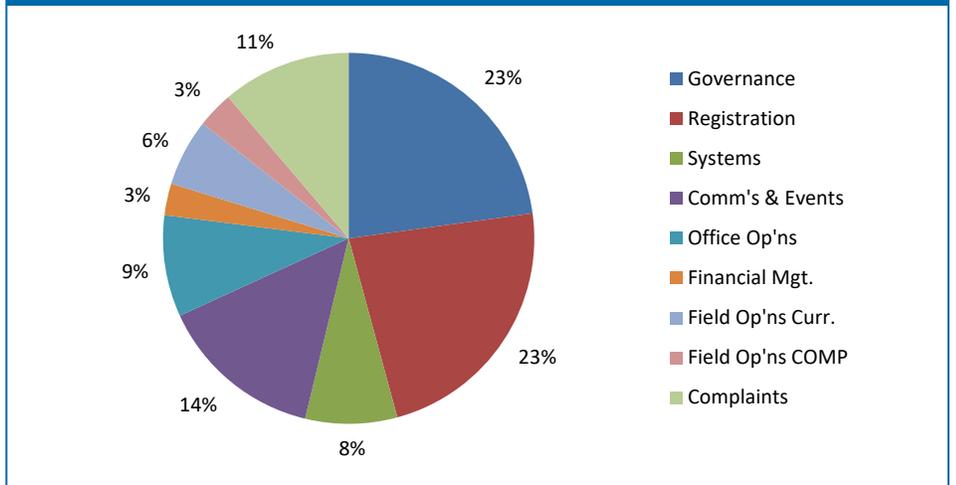
Administrative Assistant – COMPASS

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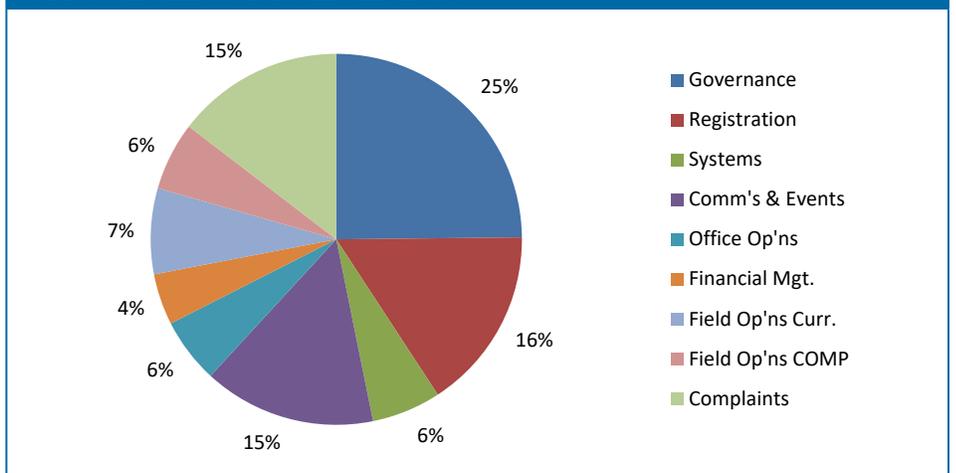
SCPP Internal Statistics

	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pharmacies	367	383	385	385 (14 to open)
Membership – Pharmacies				
Practicing				
Full	1,619	1,657	1,701	1,701
Conditional	10	6	11	7
Other (Non-P/Assoc/Retired)	192	198	195	194
Suspended			1	1
Total Pharmacists	1,821	1,861	1,908	1,912
Pharmacy Technicians	82	197	270	286
Total Membership	1,903	2,058	2,178	2,198

SCPP Staff Time Per Work Unit 2017



SCPP Staff Time Per Work Unit 2018



In 2017, as part of one of SCPP's strategic goals, the staff within SCPP were divided into work units and each year staff review how much time they are spending in each of the units in order to ensure we are prioritizing the work within SCPP and aligning resources to achieve goals. These two pie charts reflect the percentage of staff time being devoted to each of the units.

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Some highlights between the two pie charts are as follows:

- Complaints and discipline have grown from 11% to 15% which can be seen in the increase in complaints and discipline cases we are managing within the office. There were 33 new complaints in 2017 and 51 in 2018 – this does not include all of the complaints that the office staff are able to resolve without a formal investigation.
- Governance has increased from 23% to 25% due to the changing landscape of pharmacy and the increase in both external consultations, member questions and public enquires. In addition, the changing landscape and policy related items requiring SPCPP's attention has also greatly increased.
- Communications has increased slightly from 14% to 15% as anticipated with more policy and governance work which in turn means increased needs to communicate to members, the public and external stakeholders.
- Registration has decreased from 23% to 16% despite the fact that we had increased workload due to increased member numbers and pharmacies over 2017. The decrease is due to having limited staffing resources who not only work in registrations but also provide system support and do important data base work to advance projects.
- COMPASS increased from 3% to 6% as 2018 was the first official year of the program. Field operations stayed consistent and we expect this to increase in 2019 as we have adjusted our staffing to devote more resources to COMPASS/Field Operations as per our strategic goals and mandate.

Council continues to review:

- Advanced Methods Certification (administration of drugs by injection and other routes) and the training needs of pharmacists as well as issues with cold chain breaks, and documentation as well as the expanded scope of Travel Health and vaccinations.
- The perceived lack of adequate follow-up by pharmacists when prescribing for a minor ailment as per the medSask Minor Ailment guidelines.
- Competency Assurance for Pharmacy professionals, which will include a member's survey and a working group of member volunteers with the assistance of Karen Jensen (former manager of medSask).
- Exempted Codeine products and the proposed ban on sale. Council continues to gather information and feedback for further decision at the next Council meeting in May.
- Professional autonomy framework draft bylaws are being created for Council's review and consideration, with further stakeholder consultations to follow.
- PrescribEIT and the pilot project being undertaken in the province as well as ongoing discussions with the principles to ensure PrescribEIT will be in compliance with NAPRA's requirements for Pharmacy Practice Management Systems.
- Inducements and rewards on the purchase of prescriptions and pharmacy services.

Three New Administrative Fees Effective April 1, 2019

Failure To File Fee

Effective April 1, 2019 a fee, payable by the proprietor of the pharmacy, can be assessed for failing to file information required by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) on any proprietary pharmacy permit renewal. This includes the failure to file information that is accurate and up to date, which SCPP requires to be satisfied that the proprietor is entitled to

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MISSION

The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals serves the public interest by regulating the profession of pharmacy to provide safe, competent pharmacy care in Saskatchewan.

VISION

Advancing quality pharmacy care for a healthier Saskatchewan

VALUES

Professionalism

Accountability

Visionary Leadership

Collaboration

Education

GOALS

Advancing Public Safety in Pharmacy Services

Ensuring Priorities and Resources are aligned to Achieve Goals

Maintaining a Self-Regulated Profession

Increasing Recognition of Pharmacy Professionals as Essential Members of the Health Care Team

Supporting Health Care Public Policy

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be granted, or continue to be granted, a pharmacy permit. Failure to meet these information requirements can result in an invalid permit and closure of the pharmacy and/or discipline. This fee is being implemented to address increasing negligence in meeting these information filing obligations. For ease of reference, it is being called the “Failure to File Fee”.

The Failure to File Fee will be assessed upon any pharmacy proprietor when required documents have not been provided to SCPP by the pharmacy manager. The details of how and when the Failure to File Fee will be assessed is forthcoming. In the meantime, pharmacy proprietors, or corporate officials or managers on their behalf, must notify SCPP as soon as possible of any changes to the pharmacy that might impact the permit, such as changes to the proprietor or trade name, the ownership (including shareholdings), the directors, and the location or address. SCPP staff will then confirm the filing requirements. In addition, if changes are made throughout the year and SCPP is not notified of the changes, an internal review may be conducted with the Failure to File Fee being assessed retroactively until the appropriate documents are provided to SCPP. The permit application will only be approved upon completion of all application requirements and payment of all fees including the Failure to File Fee (if required).

Section 3 of Part I of the Regulatory Bylaws states:

Unpaid Annual Fees

(3) The name of any pharmacy whose prescribed annual fee(s) or applicable surcharge is unpaid after November 30th, in any year, shall be removed from the register and the proprietor shall lose the privileges conferred upon him by the Act to operate the pharmacy but he may, subject to the bylaws, be reinstated upon payment of the prescribed surcharge, permit and prescribed reinstatement fee(s).

For example, if a pharmacy manager was changed in June, and during permit renewal time in November it is discovered that the appropriate documents were not filed with SCPP, the Failure to File Fee could be assessed and fees would be charged starting seven SCPP business days after the change until the documents were submitted in full.

SCPP has provided communication within SCOPe and on our website with respect to permits and requirements, yet last permit renewal period there were over 60 pharmacies where there were issues with meeting the information requirements for renewing permits, plus 20 that had significant changes throughout the year without notification to SCPP, leading to contraventions of the Act and excessive workload within the office. The intent of this Failure to File Fee is to increase the accountability and awareness of professional responsibilities to ensure the Act is being followed and permits are accurate.

Reasons for assessment will include (but may not be limited to) **pharmacy permit amendments and/or applications** for:

- i. pharmacy manager;
- ii. proprietor name;
- iii. ownership;
- iv. trade name;
- v. director change; and
- vi. location change.

Examples of documents required by SCPP that were not provided to meet the approval of permit amendments and/or applications include, but are not limited to:

- Application form not received or incomplete application form;
- Application completed by someone other than the pharmacy manager;
- Corporate documentation not received;
- Director requirements not met;
- Permit and/or COMPASS fee(s) unpaid;
- Privacy Officer and/or COMPASS QI Coordinator training not complete, as per legislative requirements;
- CPhIR Data Sharing Agreement not submitted to ISMP; and
- Any other requirements pursuant to *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act*, the SCPP Regulatory Bylaws, and Guidelines.

Please ensure you are familiar with your professional responsibilities as a pharmacy manager and/or proprietor so that you are compliant within the Act, Bylaws and Guidelines of SCPP. If you have any questions regarding documents and requirements, please contact Pat Guillemin at pat.guillemin@saskpharm.ca. For additional information see the [Pharmacy Manager Responsibilities](#) document on the SCPP website.

Certificate of Standing Fee and New Process

Effective April 1, 2019 all requests for Certificates of Standing must be completed online by logging onto the member portal on the SCPP website and completing the required application. A non-refundable fee of **\$100.00 plus GST** will be required for requesting and processing the Certificate.

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Pre-Registration Application Fee (for non-members)

Effective April 1, 2019 there will be a new “Pre-Registration Application” fee required for all non-members who wish to begin the process of registering with SCPP

This fee will apply to:

- Any pharmacist or pharmacy technician who applies to become licensed to practice in Saskatchewan who received their education from another Canadian educational institution.
- Any pharmacist or pharmacy technician who applies to become licensed to practice in Saskatchewan who received their education from an educational institution outside of Canada and is not currently registered to practice in another Canadian province.
- Any pharmacist or pharmacy technician who received their education at a Saskatchewan educational institution, who either did not register with SCPP or did not maintain their license with SCPP and is now applying to return to practice in Saskatchewan.

But will not apply to:

- New pharmacy graduates from the University of Saskatchewan.
- New pharmacy technician graduates from Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- Current pharmacy technician candidates who are completing the Bridging Program requirements.

Candidates must complete an application as the first step in the registration process. A non-refundable fee of **\$200.00 plus GST** is required. Once SCPP Registration and Licensing staff have received the completed application, they will open a file and the candidate can begin sending in the required documents as outlined in the registration information.

This application form can be found on the SCPP website under [Registration/General Registration Information](#).

URGENT MESSAGE TO SASKATCHEWAN PHARMACISTS

Guidance for interim supply of methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone

March 4, 2019

Dr. Brian Fern is unable to attend to his patients at this time.

At this point we are not sure of the length of time Dr. Fern will be away from his practice.

Dr. Fern has approximately 300 patients who see him to obtain Opioid Agonist Therapy (“OAT”) for substance use.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals are working together to ensure that patients continue to receive the care and ongoing medications required for their health condition and substance use treatment. The College of Physicians and Surgeons is working with several practitioners in Saskatoon who may be able to assist in assessing patients to continue their therapy until such time as Dr. Fern returns to practice.

The Colleges have reached out to Health Canada to consider allowing pharmacists the ability to prescribe methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone on an interim basis for Dr. Fern’s OAT patients and only for methadone and buprenorphine/naloxone as per Part K “Prescribing of Drugs” of the SCPP Regulatory Bylaws. Currently federal legislation does not recognize pharmacists as practitioners. We are awaiting a response.

Any patient who is scheduled to see Dr. Fern in the next few weeks should be directed to call the office of Dr. Morris Markentin in Saskatoon for further direction.

Dr Markentin can be reached through any of the SHA hospitals switchboard and will be available for **emergencies**:

RUH Switchboard: 306-655-1000

SPH Switchboard: 306-655-5000

SCH Switchboard: 306-655-8000

Pharmacies can also fax the MARS/OATP clinic – 306-655-0459.

Dr. Markentin will touch base with Dr. Fern’s clinic daily, so he asks for some patience in regard to fax renewals please.

PLEASE NOTE that Dr. Fern’s current prescriptions for methadone and buprenorphine/suboxone are still valid. Members may refer to our Prescription Validity guidance document in our reference manual at http://www.saskpharm.ca/document/3657/REF_Prescription_Vailidity_20170216.pdf

For more information please contact Lori Postnikoff, Deputy Registrar at the College office.

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temporary position expired at the end of 2018. Ray will be transitioning to part time in 2019 while we recruit for a new Director of Policy and Legislation and a Professional Practice Consultant to complete this team. Watch our newsletters and website for information on these job postings as they come up.

Personnel and Resource Restructuring

Another area we have transitioned this year has been to increase our resources to support COMPASS, quality improvement, quality assurance, compounding and field operations. For many years these roles were capably completed by two staff – Jeannette Sandiford and Lori Postnikoff. Both were only able to devote part time and, in some cases, limited time to field operations due to competing priorities such as complaints and discipline. It became very evident in 2018 with our complaints doubling from 2017 that complaints and discipline needed to be separated from field operations. To accommodate this, we began training Brittany Sharkey to become our Certified Compounding Inspector and she completed intensive training at Critical Point in the USA and obtained her designation of Certified Compounding Inspector. In addition, she has completed field officer training and COMPASS training and will support both field operations and compounding going forward. Her previous role as Professional Affairs Administrator/Technician Registration has been transitioned to Peleshia Dubidad. In February 2019, Fatima Khan was hired as a field officer to support this division as well. Therefore, we will have Jeannette Sandiford leading this division with both Brittany and Fatima supporting the operations. Over the course of 2018 we also transitioned to using increased forms of technology in order to become more efficient and reduce expenses. This has been very successful with our pre-opening inspections and will continue with our new Quality Improvement Reviews – allowing us to better support and connect with members while also being mindful of costs.

With the doubling of complaints and increasing discipline, SCPP has also increased the training of our Complaints Manager, Tami Schwebius. In 2018, Tami completed two extensive training sessions from CLEAR and received her inspector designation in order to be able to further assist with complaints and discipline. In addition, Chantal Lambert started her new role with us in October of 2018 as Complaints Director and came to us with significant experience and training from the Alberta College of Pharmacy.

It was also identified that we need additional office support with respect to registration and licensing, pharmacy permits, communications and eventually competency assurance. With the growth of membership and pharmacies, and increased changes within pharmacy, we recognize we need more support in these areas to maximize technology and improve communication to members and the public. A large focus for 2019 will be to ensure we are effectively



utilizing technology, increasing our transparency to the public and finding better ways to communicate with members such as our nimble and quicker newsletter – microSCOPE that was launched in late 2018.

Strong Financial Position

I am pleased to report that based upon un-audited financial data we did not need to use our reserves to fund operations and generated a larger than projected surplus due to an increase in memberships and pharmacies and sound internal financial stewardship. More to be reported in our Annual Report including audited financials which will be presented to members via email prior to our Annual General Meeting on May 4, 2019.

Self-regulation

One of the big items on our radar this past year and the radar of regulatory bodies within Canada is the ability of regulators to continue the privilege of self-regulation. This has been in the news significantly throughout 2018 and has been a topic of discussion in our Council meetings and NAPRA Board meetings. One of the new strategic goals for NAPRA is to ensure all pharmacy regulators across Canada are being inspected by an independent third party to ensure we are meeting our mandate of public protection through regulating the profession of pharmacy to provide safe, competent pharmacy care. There have been other countries such as the UK where self-regulation has changed, and an oversight regulatory body was created – a regulator for the regulators. There have been changes coming within Canada especially B.C. which is beginning steps in 2019 to amalgamate regulatory bodies and looking at concepts for one stream for complaints and discipline and one code of ethics for all regulated health care providers with more government oversight. Many of the experts in the field believe it is not so much IF the ability to self-regulate will change but WHEN. Therefore, in order to ensure we are fulfilling our mandate of public protection and regulating the practice of pharmacy we have gone through some transition within 2018 as mentioned and will be expanding throughout 2019 and early 2020.

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If you are interested in reading some of the literature in the news from this past year, I have included the links below. I would strongly urge you to read them and get involved in your profession and ensure you are supporting not only the regulatory body but also your advocacy body as both need to be strong and high functioning for optimal success.

[SCPP: Regulatory Bylaws](#)

[McMaster University: Modernizing the Oversight of the Health Workforce in Ontario](#)

[The 'radical paradigm shift' that's changing Ontario's oversight system for health professionals](#)

[No Longer Fit for Purpose: Changing the Regulation of Professions in Canada](#)

[Professional Standards Authority: Our Work with Regulators](#)

I would also take this opportunity to remind members of the section in the Code of Ethics that speaks to ensuring as a professional you are supporting and active in your professional memberships.

A member shall associate with, participate in, and financially support organizations for the betterment of the profession of pharmacy.

Overall it has been a busy first year with many accomplishments and significant changes for which I am grateful to have the support of a strong and collaborative team of staff and volunteers to work alongside at SCPP, our membership and a highly engaged Council. I am looking forward to 2019 as we continue to improve and work towards our goals and delivering on our mandate of protecting the public by regulating the profession of pharmacy to provide safe, competent care in Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted



Jeana Wendel, BSc., BSc. Pharm. Registrar

How Strong is Your Password?

A strong password provides essential protection from fraud and identity theft. Given the nature of the personal information and data collected at the College, ensuring strong passwords is critical in protecting our data. After assessing the security levels of the passwords being used, a **new policy** will be implemented effective April 1, 2019 which will include a two-step verification process and the use of stronger passwords. This enforced password reset will enable the College to better protect the integrity of the data being collected. Therefore, effective April 1, 2019 the next time you sign into your member portal you will be prompted to change your password and follow the steps to set up two-step verification.

Passwords must be at least eight characters long and include a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. Remember – a unique password is a password that is only used with one account.

What is two-step verification?

Two-step verification is a process that involves two authentication methods performed one after the other to verify that someone or something requesting access is who or what they are declared to be.

2019-2020 Budget

Council approved the following 2019 budget and fee schedule changes on February 14, 2019.

A 10-year review of SCPP fees was conducted in addition to an environmental scan across other provincial pharmacy regulatory bodies. Over the past 10 years there have been minimal increases to SCPP fees, and the environmental scan revealed our provincial counterparts have increased fees in order to support operations to ensure they are delivering on their mandate of public protection and the self-regulation of pharmacy. Upon completion of our strategic human resource review, it was evident we needed to increase our staffing complement to support operations. SCPP will continue strong internal financial stewardship throughout 2019.

A portion of the fee increases will go to:

- support increases to staff resources;
- increased legal expenses resulting from increases to complaints and discipline cases;
- policy issues; and
- ensure our administrative reserves are inline with our policies.

The 2019 budget predicts a surplus of \$24,587. Highlights from the budget:

- The inflationary increase is based upon the Consumer Price Index increase of 1.5% as of December 2018.
- Regulatory Priorities:
 - Statutory obligations and programs
 - Registration and licensing with in1touch system.
 - Complaints management, discipline, special investigations with alternative dispute resolution and ensuring more transparency and information provided to the public.
 - Continue scope of practice advancement (travel health, lab tests).

- Continue learning portfolio.
- Continue SCP Centennial Scholarship governance and administration.
- Continue Council priorities on quality and competency assurance and resource allocation (performance management system). Continue to evolve COMPASS and Quality Improvement Reviews and progressing on a competency assurance review to meet our strategic goal.
- Strategic planning to commence in 2019 to set direction for SCPP in 2020.
- Additional Field Operations support added in 2019.
- NAPRA Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding roll out and support.
- Continue governance, strategic and operational plans. Review Council governance structure.
- Membership, permit and administrative fee increases to support additional FTE's over 2019 and 2020.
- Continue the ability to pay fees through credit cards however at a lower negotiated rate.
- Participate in PAS Conference and Annual General Meeting.
- All other programs retained with sustained committee activity and new committees to meet priorities and strategic goals.
- Complaints and Discipline doubled in 2018 contributing to increases in fees.
- Continue contract with CPDPP and medSask to support travel health, lab testing, methadone/suboxone harm reduction program/education.
- Includes the costs of current communication strategy in addition to improved forms of communication to members and public.
- Continue data system improvements, contributing data to the Saskatchewan Health Provider Registry, the CIHI Pharmacists and Technicians Human Resource Database and to the NAPRA Pharmacists' Gateway Canada for international pharmacists.
- Continue to grant funding for the Prescription Review Program.

The Membership & Permit Fees schedule is provided on the next page.



SCPP Membership & Permit Fees 2019-2020

<i>*Fees subject to change April 1, 2020</i>	NET	GST 5%	TOTAL
Membership – April 1, 2019			
Practising Membership	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 63.75	\$ 1,338.75
Non-Practising Membership	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 1,207.50
Associate Membership	\$ 205.00	\$ 10.25	\$ 215.25
Retired Membership	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 105.00
Practising Membership – Technicians	\$ 765.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 803.25
Non-Practising Membership – Technicians	\$ 640.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 672.00
Associate Membership – Technicians	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 105.00
Retired Membership – Technicians	\$ 50.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 52.50
Appraisal Training, Assessment & JP Exam – April 1, 2019			
Appraisal Training Fee	\$ 330.00	\$ 16.50	\$ 346.50
Assessment Fee	\$ 820.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 861.00
Jurisprudence Exam Fee	\$ 295.00	\$ 14.75	\$ 309.75
Appraisal Training Fee – Technicians	\$ 165.00	\$ 8.25	\$ 173.25
Assessment Fee – Technicians	\$ 410.00	\$ 20.50	\$ 430.50
Jurisprudence Exam Fee – Technicians	\$ 295.00	\$ 14.75	\$ 309.75
Registration & Reinstatement Fees – April 1, 2019			
Reinstatement Fee	\$ 325.00	\$ 16.25	\$ 341.25
Registration Pharmacist	\$ 300.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00
Registration – Canadian Out-of-Province and ATA Candidate	\$ 780.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 819.00
Registration – Locum Tenens	\$ 305.00	\$ 15.25	\$ 320.25
Registration – Dispensing Physician	\$ 900.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 945.00
Reinstatement Fee – Technicians	\$ 175.00	\$ 8.75	\$ 183.75
Registration – Technicians	\$ 300.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 315.00
Registration – Out-of-Province Technicians	\$ 395.00	\$ 19.75	\$ 414.75
Intern Registration Fee – April 1, 2019			
Intern Registration Fee	\$ 160.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 168.00
Intern Registration Fee – Technicians	\$ 80.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 84.00
Late Payment Penalty Fee – April 1, 2019			
Late Payment Penalty – Pharmacy	\$ 380.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 399.00
Late Payment Penalty – Pharmacist	\$ 375.00	\$ 18.75	\$ 393.75
Late Payment Penalty – Technicians	\$ 230.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 241.50
Pharmacy Permit Fees – April 1, 2019			
Pharmacy Permit			
Basic	\$ 1,835.00	\$ 91.75	\$ 1,926.75
COMPASS Surcharge	\$ 500.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 525.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,335.00	\$ 116.75	\$ 2,451.75
Satellite Pharmacy Permit	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 55.75	\$ 1,170.75
Permit Amendment	\$ 350.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 367.50
Lock & Leave Permit	\$ 475.00	\$ 23.75	\$ 498.75
Second Pre-Opening Inspection	\$ 800.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 840.00
Fees: Registration and Other – April 1, 2019			
Pre-Registration Application Fee for Non-Members	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 210.00
Letter of Standing Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 105.00
Permit Failure to File Fee After 7 SCPP Business Days – April 1, 2019			
Manager Change	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Proprietor Change	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Ownership Change	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Trade Name Change	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Director Changes	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Location Changes	\$ 100/day	\$ 5.00	\$ 105/day
Expense Reimbursement – February 14, 2019			
Per Diem	\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00
Meal Allowance	\$ 130.00		\$ 130.00
Travel per KM	\$ 0.52		\$ 0.52

SCPP Fee Comparison 2009-2019

A ten year fee review was conducted as part of the budget approval process and the chart below shows modest fee increases over the course of the last 10 years other than the larger increase seen to both pharmacists licences and pharmacy permits which occurred in 2011 due to significant complaints and discipline.

SASKATCHEWAN	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Registration - In Province											
Pharmacist	\$ 265	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 275	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 280	\$ 300
Technician								\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 300
Registration - Out of Province											
Pharmacist	\$ 710	\$ 715	\$ 715	\$ 730	\$ 735	\$ 735	\$ 735	\$ 735	\$ 735	\$ 735	\$ 780
Technician								\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 370	\$ 395
Locum Tenens	\$ 265	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 280	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 285	\$ 305
Dispensing Physicians	\$ 815	\$ 820	\$ 820	\$ 840	\$ 845	\$ 845	\$ 845	\$ 845	\$ 845	\$ 845	\$ 900
Intern											
Pharmacist	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 160
Technician								\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 80
Appraisal Training											
Application fee											
Pharmacist	\$ 215	\$ 220	\$ 220	\$ 225	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 230	\$ 330
Technician								\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 115	\$ 165
Assessment Fee											
Pharmacist	\$ 690	\$ 695	\$ 695	\$ 715	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 820
Technician								\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 410
Re-Instatement											
Pharmacist	\$ 265	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 325
Technician								\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 135	\$ 175
Jurisprudence Exam											
Pharmacist	\$ 265	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 285	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 290	\$ 295
Technician								\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 145	\$ 295
Lock & Leave	\$ 430	\$ 435	\$ 435	\$ 445	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 475
Permit Amendment	\$ 245	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 280	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 270	\$ 350
Late Payment											
Pharmacist	\$ 200	\$ 205	\$ 205	\$ 250	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 255	\$ 375
Technician								\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 230
subsequent Pre-Opening Inspection(s)			\$ 500	\$ 750	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 800
Membership and Permit Fees											
Practising											
Pharmacist	\$ 680	\$ 700	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 975	\$ 995	\$ 995	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,275
Technician								\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 535	\$ 765
Non-Practising											
Pharmacist	\$ 575	\$ 595	\$ 870	\$ 870	\$ 870	\$ 870	\$ 870	\$ 890	\$ 890	\$ 895	\$ 1,150
Technician								\$ 445	\$ 445	\$ 445	\$ 640
Associate											
Pharmacist	\$ 140	\$ 145	\$ 150	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 155	\$ 165	\$ 165	\$ 165	\$ 205
Technician								\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 100
Retired											
Pharmacist	\$ 65	\$ 70	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 100
Technician								\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 35	\$ 50
Pharmacy											
Basic	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,835
COMPASS Surcharge									\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500

Fee Comparison – Provincial Regulatory Authorities

As part of the budget approval process a comparison of fees was conducted across many of the Provincial Regulatory Authorities. During the past year the majority of Provincial Regulatory Authorities have increased their fees in order to increase their staffing complement. NAPRA has also just completed a strategic human resource review and has needed to increase their staffing levels as well.

	SASKATCHEWAN	BRITISH COLUMBIA	ALBERTA	MANITOBA	NOVA SCOTIA	NEWFOUNDLAND
Pharmacist Fee	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 724.00	\$ 866.25	\$ 912.06	\$ 1,109.00	\$ 1,081.00
Additional Pharmacist Licence Fees						
Certification for Injection Drug Administration		\$ 100.00			\$ 172.50	\$ 119.41
Authorization to Prescribe Fee						\$ 119.41
Collaborative Practice Agreement Fee						\$ 238.82
Technician Fee	\$ 765.00	\$ 482.00	\$ 523.95		\$ 724.50	\$ 719.90
Pharmacist Student Fee (Intern)	\$ 160.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 578.55	\$ 28.08	\$ 132.25	\$ 119.41
Technician Student Fee (Intern)	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 578.55	\$ 26.90	\$ 132.00	\$ 119.41
Pharmacist Registration Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 399.00	\$ 578.55	\$ 737.13	\$ 235.75	\$ 119.41
Technician Registration Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 266.00	\$ 578.55		\$ 235.75	\$ 119.41
Jurisprudence Exam Pharmacist	\$ 295.00	\$ 275.00	Included in registration	\$ 189.43	\$ 316.25	\$ 179.11
Jurisprudence Exam Pharm Technician	\$ 295.00	\$ 275.00	Included in registration		\$ 316.25	\$ 179.11
Late Fee Pharmacist	\$ 375.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 88.20	additional 50% of actual fee	\$ 287.50 - \$ 575.00	\$ 1,621.50
Late Fee Technician	\$ 230.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 88.20	additional 50% of actual fee	\$ 287.50 - \$ 575.00	\$ 1,079.85
Letter of Standing Fee	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 32.76	\$ 28.75	\$ 29.85
Pharmacy Licence Fees						
Pharmacy Permit	\$ 1,835.00	\$1,331.00	\$1,233.75	\$1,532.41	\$ 1,656.00	\$ 2,070.00
COMPASS	\$ 500.00					
Additional Compounding and Repackaging			\$ 643.65			
Additional Mail Order Services			\$ 643.65	\$ 585.02		
Central Fill				\$ 585.02		
Distance Care				\$ 585.02		
External dispensing				\$ 585.02		

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Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Comparison Chart

This chart illustrates and compares the FTE equivalents between the different Provincial Regulatory Authorities across Canada as they compare to the number of pharmacies and pharmacists. We did not include pharmacy technicians in this graph as they are not regulated in all provinces. The majority of the Provincial Regulatory Authorities either have or are in the process of hiring additional resources to manage workload.

Province	Number of FTE's	Number of Pharmacies	Number Pharmacists	1 FTE/ Pharmacy	1 FTE/ Pharmacist
BC	75	1452	7072	19	94
AB	42	1370	5630	33	134
SK	18	400	1912	22	106
MB	13	446	1633	34	126
ON	146	4391	16361	30	112
NB	8	245	928	31	116
NFLD	7	213	751	30	107

Notes:

- 2018 SCPP FTE equivalent staff was 14
- 2019 SCPP FTE equivalent increasing to 18
- 2020 SCPP FTE equivalent increasing to 20
- MB hiring additional staff in 2019
- ON adding 16 new staff for complaints and discipline
- NFLD hiring additional staff
- NB completing Human Resource Review
- AB hiring pharmacy technicians

Announcing New Staff

On February 25th, SCPP welcomed Peleshia Dubidad into a temporary role to support the College due to a maternity leave and a medical leave.

Peleshia has a diverse background and spent over seven years working within government and regulations for implementation, training and standards for Information Communication & Technology. In addition to her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Florida International University, she holds a post graduate diploma in Project Management. Her previous role as Operations Manager at City Medical Centre in Yorkton has allowed her to be familiar with both the medical and pharmacy side of health care as this clinic was joined to a pharmacy with the same owners. Peleshia will be supporting communications and member relations for pharmacy technicians in her role with SCPP.

Competency Assurance Survey

SCPP is in the process of revisiting the current continuing professional development and competency requirements for practicing and non-practicing members as one of our strategic goals. You are **strongly encouraged** to complete the **Competency Assurance Survey** that is located on the SCPP Member Homepage and was emailed to members on March 19, 2019. It is extremely important that we receive a statistically significant

response to the survey and we ask for your assistance in completing the survey **prior to May 10, 2019**. Your anonymous responses to the survey will help us develop a policy and program that considers your needs and preferences in ensuring Saskatchewan pharmacists and pharmacy technicians meet or exceed the standards for competent pharmacy practice. **The survey is accredited by CPDPP for 0.75 CEU.**

Amended Regulatory Bylaw – Privacy Officer and COMPASS

Effective February 15, 2019, as shown below, The Saskatchewan Gazette printed that PART I, Section 8(4), PART I, Subsections 12(2)(a) and 12(6) of the SCPP Regulatory Bylaws was amended. This means that originally approvals were given by the College. With the amendment of this bylaw, all authorization now comes from Council.

The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act, SS 1996, c. P-9.1

[clause 14(2)(b), subclauses 14(2)(c)(ii) and (iii), clauses 14(2)(h), (o), (bb), (cc), (ff), (hh), and subsection 15(1)]

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY PROFESSIONALS — REGULATORY BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Under authority of clause 14(2)(b), subclauses 14(2)(c)(ii) and (iii), clauses 14(2)(h), (o), (bb), (cc), (ff), (hh), and in accordance with subsection 15(1) of *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act, SS 1996, c. P-9.1*, the Regulatory Bylaws of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals are amended as follows:

Subsection 8(4) of Part 1 is amended as follows:

“(4) Every privacy officer shall undertake privacy training approved by Council before the expiration of the subsisting permit, or until such other time as may be approved by the Registrar, but no longer than within one year of his designation”.

Clause 12(2)(a) of Part 1 is amended as follows:

“(a) anonymous reporting of Quality Related Events to an independent, objective third party organization for the population of a national aggregate database approved by Council, in which learnings can be communicated across the profession;”

Subsection 12(6) of Part 1 is amended as follows:

“(6) Every Quality Improvement Coordinator shall undertake Quality Improvement training approved by Council within six months of his designation”.

To download a pdf [click here](#).

Notes from the Field

Secured Storage for Methadone Carries

SCPP has been notified of inconsistent messaging being given to patients regarding the requirement for lock boxes for safe storage and transport of methadone carry doses. Many prescribers indicate the requirement for lock boxes on their prescriptions if carries are permitted. However, regardless of whether it is indicated by the prescriber, securing methadone carries in a lock box prior to release to the patient is considered best practice. There should be a documented, valid reason for not using a lock box for a particular patient should it be deemed necessary.

100ml Volume Required for Methadone

SCPP has been notified that some pharmacies are preparing methadone doses in containers smaller than 100 mls. Please ensure that all methadone doses are dispensed in 100 ml containers, for both on site consumption and take-home carry doses. Once the required amount of methadone stock solution is measured, the bottle is then filled to 100 mls with diluent. Please refer to the **Guidelines for Participation in the Methadone Program for Saskatchewan Pharmacists** in the online Reference Manual.

Follow Up Required When Prescribing for Minor Ailments

When prescribing for minor ailments it is important to follow all guidelines provided by medSASK including proper follow up with the patient to ensure that the therapy was successful or if unsuccessful, proper consultation with another health care practitioner is recommended. Please see the medSASK guidelines for more information <https://medsask.usask.ca/professional/guidelines/index.php>

Opioid Stickers and Patient Handout Requirements

On October 1, 2018, Health Canada provided a [notice](#) regarding opioid sticker and patient handout requirements. Please [click here](#) for recent updates to section 4.4 of the guidance document, outlining when an opioid would not require the sticker and handout.

“Both the warning sticker and the patient information handout must meet the specifications of the source document entitled ‘[Information for Patients Concerning Opioids](#)’, which is published on the Government of Canada’s website. Pharmacists and practitioners are responsible for obtaining or producing copies of the sticker and handout in order to meet these new requirements.”



Opioids can cause **DEPENDENCE**, **ADDICTION** and **OVERDOSE**.

New Wellspring Leadership Awards for 2019



On behalf of the Board of the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy we are pleased to announce our ongoing commitment to advancing the profession of pharmacy, with a new grant of \$10,000 for the Wellspring Pharmacy Leadership Awards.

While pharmacy revenues are being challenged, CFP sees the value in continuing to invest in the future of pharmacy through the development of our leaders.

These annual awards recognize both demonstrated and potential leadership in individuals in the pharmacy profession. Recipients receive up to \$10,000 for initiatives that further develop personal leadership through study, experiential learning, or mentorship.

Candidates can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. Click here for the criteria and application form. <https://cfpnet.ca/grants-awards/details/award/36>

Please send submissions for the 2019 awards by **April 12, 2019**, to submissions@cfpnet.ca.

Saskatchewan Pharmacy Museum Society

The Saskatchewan Pharmacy Museum Society is looking to recruit members to assist in any of the following categories. Any help is appreciated.

Fundraising – help SPMS gather items for the primary revenue source, our silent auction at the annual PAS Conference.

Photography – build your portfolio while honing your skills at photographing artifacts, where good lighting and perspective helps ensure our virtual presentation.

Archiving – sorting, tidying, and selecting artifacts to be added to our physical and/or virtual collections.

Web and Social Media – maintenance and development of our content management system, and/or, serving as a social media ambassador.

Showcasing – take our physical display on the road; visit SK pharmacy conferences and potentially other interested groups.

For more information contact:

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From the Desk of the Dean

Dr. Kishor Wasan

College of Pharmacy and Nutrition: Proud of Our Tradition, and Home of Research and Practice Innovation

For the latest news from the College, visit our website: pharmacy-nutrition.usask.ca

This new year is off to a great start for the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. These first few months have been filled with positive news for both our faculty and students. Here are some of the most remarkable moments since my last update:

Professor Emeritus

Congratulations to **Drs. Alfred Rémillard** and **Shawna Berenbaum** who have each received the honorary title of professor emeritus from the University of Saskatchewan.



Dean Search

The college is searching for a new dean who is a distinguished leader, researcher and educator bringing a commitment to the profession as well as a record of leadership success along with the capacity and vision to build on the momentum that the college has achieved. [Read more.](#)

New Staff

Welcome to the following people who joined the college:

- **Carrie Lambden**, Dietitians Contact Centre Coordinator, on Monday, January 21.
- **Julia Bareham**, RxFiles Information Support Pharmacist, on Monday, February 25.

Pledge to Professionalism

Congratulations to the first-year pharmacy and nutrition students on their pledge to professionalism ceremony. Each year the new classes write new pledges to understand and appreciate what it means to be a professional, and the pledges are posted as a reminder to their responsibilities.



Professional Development Week

Twenty-seven USask students attended the Professional Development Week Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland from January 9-13. Two awards were received by CAPSI USask at the conference, including:

- third place Award of Professionalism for outstanding Pharmacist Awareness Month engagement in 2018
- first place IPSF Health Campaign Award for their 2018 HIV campaign

New CIHR Funding

The college's **Dr. Kate Dadachova** was recently featured in a press release about human and veterinary cancer specialists at the university being awarded \$765,000 in federal funding to develop a new treatment for osteosarcoma. [Read more.](#)



Upcoming Alumni Events

- The college will host its annual dessert and alumni reception at the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan Conference on **Friday, May 3** at Elk Ridge Resort.
- **Sask Night** will return to the Pharmacy Experience 2019 conference on **Monday, June 3** in Toronto. This year's theme is beach party and the event will be held at The Antler Room (146 Front Street West) at 9:00 pm.

Make sure to join the college for the dessert and alumni reception at the PAS Conference in May. We'd love to reconnect with alumni from across the province and hear the stories of your successes.

Kish Wasan, R.Ph, Ph.D, FAAPS, FCSPS, FCAHS
Professor and Dean

Amendments to the College of Physicians and Surgeons Regulatory Bylaw 19.1 – Standards for prescribing of methadone or buprenorphine for addiction

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) repealed and replaced bylaw 19.1. The bylaw describes the conditions for prescribing methadone or buprenorphine for substance use disorders and pain management and in what setting. ([link to bylaw](#))

Health Canada recently repealed the need to have a section 56 exemption (*Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*) to prescribe methadone. The CPSS has set conditions within bylaw 19.1 as to who can prescribe these medications and under what circumstances, when approval of the Registrar is required to prescribe and the training/ educational requirements.

The following information is described in bylaw 19.1:

- Prescribing buprenorphine in the transdermal form does not require approval of the Registrar.
- Prescribing methadone or buprenorphine for pain management in the community, in ER, during short term admission to a provincial health facility or in a corrections facility does not require approval of the Registrar.
- For the treatment of a substance use disorder, a physician can be approved by the Registrar to either initiate treatment (i.e. see new patients) or maintain treatment once the patient becomes stabilized in therapy.
- Training and patient care expectations are set out in the bylaw along with applicable policies and standards which can be found on the CPSS website.

Of particular interest to pharmacists are subsections (h)(vi),(vii),(viii) and subsection (o)

19.1 Standards for prescribing of methadone or buprenorphine for addiction

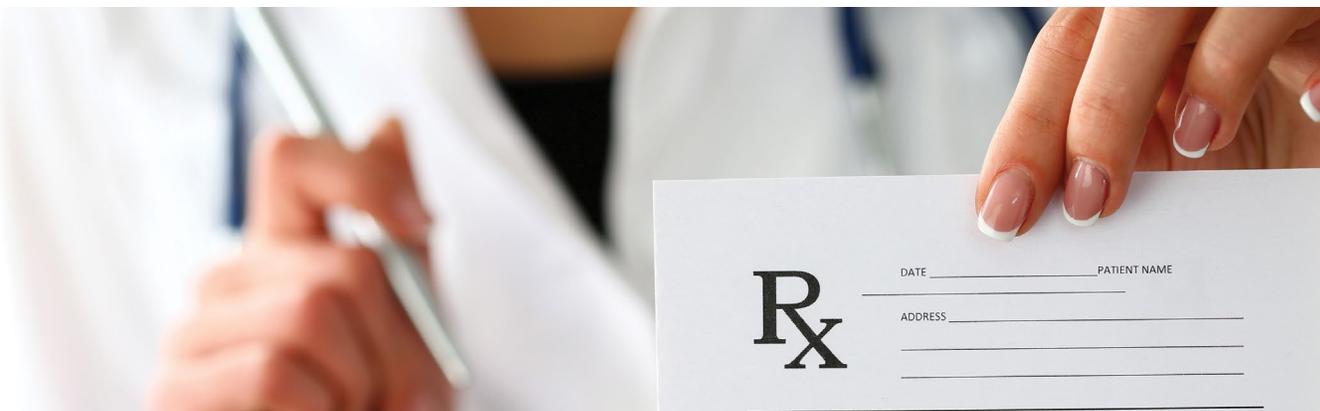
(h) In order to obtain approval to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine, the physician must demonstrate that they have met the requirements to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine as established by the College from time to time in Policies or Standards. Without limiting what is required to meet those requirements, the physician will be required to:

[...]

- (vi) Have access to one or more addiction counselors and one or more pharmacists to provide patients the full range of treatment options, if the physician seeks approval as an initiating physician;
- (vii) Have access to counseling and pharmacy services if the physician seeks approval as a maintaining physician;
- (viii) Have access to the Saskatchewan electronic Health Record (eHR) Viewer to permit monitoring of drugs prescribed to and laboratory results for those patients to whom the physician prescribes methadone or buprenorphine.

[...]

(o) The Registrar may grant temporary approval for a physician who does not meet the requirements of this bylaw to prescribe methadone or buprenorphine if the Registrar concludes that it is appropriate to grant that approval to provide continuity of care to patients. The Registrar will, in granting that approval state the period for which that approval is in effect and any conditions or restrictions on that approval.





SASKATCHEWAN
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108th Annual General Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
Elkridge Resort, Waskesiu, SK
Wapiti Ballroom

The AGM will be held during the
2019 PAS Annual Conference, May 3-5, 2019



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Upcoming Continuing Education

Program	Pharmacists/Pharmacy Technicians	Provider	Date	For more information:
CAPhO Conference "Personalized Medicine"	Pharmacists	Canadian Association of Pharmacy in Oncology	April 25-28, 2019 Halifax	Website
Change, Growth, Strength – 2019 PAS Annual Conference	Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	PAS, CSHP (SK Branch), SCPP, CPDPP, and PTSS	May 3-5, 2019	Brochure
Getting to the Heart of the Matter	Health professionals with an interest in diabetes management	The Diabetes Canada Professional Section (South Sask Chapter)	May 10, 2019	Poster
Oncology Conference	Pharmacists and other health care professions	U of S Health Sciences Continuing Education Group	May 11, 2019	Brochure
Northern Saskatchewan Diabetes Education Event	Health professionals with an interest in diabetes management	The Diabetes Canada Professional Section (North Sask Chapter)	May 23, 2019	Poster
UBC Therapeutics Initiative Conference	Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	University of British Columbia	October 4-5, 2019	Poster
Tobacco Cessation	Pharmacists	CPDPP	Recorded	Website
Methadone for Pain	Pharmacists and other health care professions	CPDPP	Recorded	Brochure
COMPASS (including QI Coordinator training)	Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	CPDPP	Online	Website
Medication Safety Considerations for Compliance Packaging	Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	ISMP e-learning	Online	Brochure

SCPP Members Facebook Group

When there is something the College would like to get out quickly, including drug recalls, drug schedule changes, training, events, important notices, etc. the SCPP Members Facebook group is a quick avenue to keep members in the loop. Some information may also be posted on the homepage of the website and/or in the new microSCOPE newsletter.



Because it has been set up as a "secret" group, it is not viewable by non-members or even findable. This makes it a more secure platform to convey information and for members to ask questions. Members are invited to post items and questions they think will benefit the community.

How to Join

The group is available to any SCPP member who has an active member number and is a Facebook user.

To join, email info@saskpharm.ca with "Join SCPP Members Group" in the subject line. Please include a first and last name, licence number and the *email address associated with your Facebook account* in the body of the email. An invitation to join the group will be sent via Facebook. Participants can leave the group at any time.

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Examination Dates

Pharmacist Schedule of Exams

For the most up-to-date exam schedules, please visit the PEBC website at www.pebc.ca.

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Spring Pharmacist Qualifying Examination	MCQ: May 21 to 22, 2019	February 22, 2019
	OSCE: May 26, 2019	
Summer Pharmacist Evaluating Examination	June 26, 2019	March 15, 2019
Fall Pharmacist Qualifying Examination	MCQ: November 13, 2019	August 9, 2019
	OSCE: November 9, 2019	

Pharmacy Technician Schedule of Exams

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination**	The last administration of the Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination was in October 2018. For international pharmacy technician applicants, PEBC will be developing a new model to replace the Evaluating Examination. More information will be posted on the PEBC website when it is available.	
Winter Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination	MCQ: April 7, 2019	Registration Closed
	OSPE: April 6, 2019	
Summer Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination	MCQ: September 7, 2019	June 7, 2019
	OSPE: September 8, 2019	

* Applications must be **received** by the PEBC office no later than the application deadline date.

** For pharmacy technician bridging candidates, there are no further opportunities to sit the PEBC Evaluating Exam for licensure in Saskatchewan.



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