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Retail Nutrition Products: Foods, Dietary Supplements and Natural Health Products

An increasing number of consumers are interested in using retail nutrition products (foods, dietary supplements, natural health products) for the prevention, treatment and management of chronic health conditions, weight management or general health and wellness. Optimal client-centered care for those seeking information on retail nutrition products is best achieved through professional responsibility and collaboration on the part of dietitians and pharmacy professionals. The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP), Saskatchewan Dietitians Association (SDA) and Dietitians of Canada (DC) have partnered on a joint statement on the sale of retail nutrition products titled [Retail Nutrition Products: Foods, Dietary Supplements and Natural Health Products](#) to help dietitians and pharmacy professionals in Saskatchewan understand their obligations and to facilitate that collaboration.



What are my professional responsibilities?

As regulated health professionals, both professions must adhere to their respective ethical and professional standards including:

- Seek, interpret and use an evidence-informed approach when providing client care.
- Only provide services and recommend products that are supported by reliable, evidence-based and non-biased information and avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest in which his/her professional judgment could be compromised.
- Ensure marketing and promotional materials are professional, accurate and based on best available evidence and must meet the professions' code of ethics and professional standards of practice.
- If the retail nutrition products available in the pharmacy are unsafe or misleading, the pharmacist or dietitian has a duty to document and report the products to their respective regulatory organizations.
- Show respect for other health professionals when working as part of interprofessional health care teams, recognizing the expertise of others and sharing information and planning collaboratively to ensure the patient is given timely and adequate care.

How can I collaborate and/or make a referral?

Pharmacy professionals can access a directory of Saskatchewan Dietitians offering individual client services ([here](#)) and on the [Saskatchewan Dietitians Association](#)

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 11, 2018

Council met on Friday, May 11, 2018 in Regina, prior to the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan (PAS) Annual Conference.

At the start of the Council meeting, Justin Kosar, current President welcomed newly elected Council members – Rod Amaya, Division 4 and Amy Wiebe, Division 8 to the meeting. Unfortunately, Brandon Krahn from Division 6 was unable to attend.

Officer elections were held for the positions of president, president-elect and vice-president during the business of the meeting. Justin Kosar from Saskatoon was re-elected to the president's position, Marilyn Younghans from Lloydminster, who is currently fulfilling the vice-president position, was elected to the president-elect position, and Stephanie Miller from Weyburn was elected to the vice-president position. The newly elected officials will begin their mandate on July 1, 2018.

Council said goodbye and extended their appreciation to Paul Melnyk from Division 4, Observer-Pharmacy Technician, Jonina Code and Senior Stick, Jordan Kalesnikoff as they leave Council.

The constitution of Council, effective July 1, 2018, will be:

Title	Name	Location
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President-Elect	Marilyn Younghans	Lloydminster
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Observer – Pharmacy Technician	Vacant	
Observer – Pharmacy Technician	Lyndsay Brakstad	Tisdale

Environmental Scan

It is customary to open the meeting up with an environmental scan from Councillors, usually touching on concerns/accolades from the members in their division, from the Councillor themselves or what they have seen online, through other associations or nationally. Some common threads are:

- mixed reviews throughout the divisions on fees applied to minor ailments;
- concern over the declining generic prescription pricing and the impact it may bring to jobs;

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- concerns over miscommunication around naloxone and what our technical and moral obligation is to provide naloxone as a requirement. Possibly more education will build acceptance. There's seems to be quite a barrier between coverage for some opioid users and not others as the kits are quite expensive;
- continued drug shortages;
- private care areas are needed for a pharmacist to go over new medications with their patients;
- the hospital "accountable care units" in the province are forging ahead;
- increasing public awareness of minor ailment prescribing; and
- pharmacist shortage in rural areas.

Health Canada on Opioids and Medical Cannabis

- Health Canada releases position on opioids and warning labels. Final regulations published in the Canada Gazette II that will require a warning sticker and patient information to be provided for all prescription opioids. This will come into effect six months from May 2, 2018. There will be a communication plan to members in consultation with the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA). The plan will be based upon further analysis of the new legislation, which may result in an interpretation, consultation with our solicitor and a guidance document for members.
- Health Canada says they will maintain a distinct system to continue to provide reasonable access to medical cannabis. It is expected the target month for legalization of recreational marijuana will be pushed back to August or September, assuming royal assent occurs immediately after the June 7, 2018 vote.

COMPASS Report

Starting January 17, 2018, and then weekly thereafter, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada has been providing SCPP with incident reporting statistics for each pharmacy. Specific details of the incidents are not provided just the number of incidents reported. The College has seen a steady increase in the number of pharmacies reporting incidents. Strategies have been implemented to ensure all community pharmacies are implementing the tools.

ISMP Canada also provides SCPP on a weekly basis, a list of the pharmacies that have completed a Medication Safety Self-Assessment (MSSA) and the date completed. This list also includes which pharmacies have not yet completed an MSSA and those that are still in progress. The number of pharmacies that have completed their MSSA has been steadily increasing. The proposed date for all pharmacies to have completed their MSSA was April 1, 2018.

The next tool to be implemented is the Quality Improvement (QI) tool. The deadline for pharmacies to have developed and documented their improvement plan was June 1, 2018.

Travel Health Framework

Feedback has been received from the Ministry of Health on the proposed regulatory bylaw amendments and on the second draft of the framework. The College will address the Ministry comments through the development of guidelines and training. Council approved the recommendations as outlined and noted that the approval includes the regulatory bylaw revisions that will in turn be submitted for the Minister's approval. This approval will include a stakeholder consultation process led by the Ministry.

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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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Naloxone

The Ministry of Health has been exploring with the College options to make naloxone more readily accessible. Council approved removing this drug from Schedule II to Unscheduled status so that other community-based agencies (CBO's) can acquire and provide the kits. Council approved the administrative bylaw amendment to repeal naloxone from Schedule II and deemed the approval to be effective immediately.

Other Topics

1. The College will be starting phase two of the professional autonomy framework.
2. Exempted codeine products: next step is consultation with stakeholders.
3. Dr. Linda A. Sulz was appointed to the University of Regina Senate.
4. December 31, 2017 annual report: audited statements and year-end communications were approved as presented and recommended by the Audit Committee to Council.
5. SCPP engaged medSask to complete a full literature review to determine the safety for prescribing for urinary tract infections (UTI's) in pediatrics as the original intent for prescribing for UTI's was recurrent uncomplicated UTI's in women. Upon review of the literature, a decision was made to implement an **age restriction of 16 and over** for prescribing for recurrent uncomplicated UTI's. This was communicated to members through PAS, and medSask updated their references.
6. The College has received questions regarding appropriate age to prescribe oral contraceptives. It is difficult to determine an age as each patient will need to be assessed for maturity and comprehension. However, with that being said, in accordance with the Criminal Code of Canada, an **age limit of 12 and over** was established. This was communicated to members through PAS, and medSask updated their references.
7. Pharmacy technicians: effective July 1, 2018, the Saskatchewan Polytechnic pharmacy technician structured practical experience program will have new course codes and a tuition increase. Please see article page 10 for more information.

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and [Dietitians of Canada](#) websites. In all outpatient dietitian locations in the provincial health authority except Saskatoon and Regina, clients can self refer. Outpatient Dietitians in Saskatoon and Regina will accept referrals from allied health providers using the forms found here ([Saskatoon](#), [Regina](#)).

Dietitians can consult with pharmacists directly in Saskatchewan through [medSask](#), a medication information service at the University of Saskatchewan that provides health care providers and the general public with timely access to current, relevant, evidence based information on drug therapy. Pharmacy professionals can also be reached through the [Pharmacy or Pharmacist Register](#) on the College's website.

Dietitians and pharmacy professionals are highly qualified, regulated health professionals who provide credible, evidence-based expertise in their respective practice areas. With the growing interest in retail nutrition products, consumers must be able to rely on dietitians and pharmacy professionals for accurate, reliable information about these products that is free from bias and does not mislead or provide false claims. By committing to collaborate and practice according to ethical and professional standards, dietitians and pharmacy professionals can ensure the health and safety of the public will be maintained and the best care will be consistently provided to clients.

NABP Executive Committee Names 2018 Honorary President Ray Joubert, BSP, RPEBC

From the May 10, 2018 NABP media release. Click [here](#) to view the full announcement.

Each year, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) Executive Committee selects an individual to serve as its honorary president for the coming year. NABP is pleased to announce that Ray Joubert, BSP, RPEBC, has been awarded this honor for 2018 and was recognized during the Annual Awards Dinner at the NABP 114th Annual Meeting, held May 5-8, 2018, in Denver, CO. In recognition of his dedication to the Association's mission and goals, NABP named Mr. Joubert as its honorary president for his commitment to the boards of pharmacy, to protecting public health, and to his significant involvement with NABP.

This is the second time in history that NABP has selected a Canadian to serve this position.

Regulations Amending the Narcotic Control Regulations and the New Classes of Practitioners Regulations

On May 18, 2018, SCPP released a copy of the information provided by Health Canada regarding [these amendments](#).

They change the way methadone is regulated under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) and the Narcotic Control Regulations (NCR). In summary, these will allow practitioners to prescribe, administer, sell or provide methadone without applying for and obtaining an exemption under subsection 56(1) of the CDSA. This is for both the treatment of opioid use disorders and for analgesia.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan has released instructions to their members regarding this amendment. For further information, contact CPSS or view their documents at www.cps.sk.ca.

Saskatchewan Becomes the Third Province to Move Naloxone to Unscheduled Status

On May 11, 2018, Council approved amendments to the SCPP Administrative Bylaws to remove naloxone hydrochloride injection and nasal spray when indicated for emergency use for opioid overdose from Schedule II to Unscheduled status.

Addressing the Opioid Crisis

SCPP supports the government's work in addressing the opioid crisis and embraced their request to remove naloxone from Schedule II to make naloxone available to as many Saskatchewan residents as possible. Opioid overdoses continue to happen in the province and enhancing the access to naloxone is an important step towards saving lives and protecting the health of the public.

Take Home Naloxone Kits (THN)

This Administrative Bylaw change will allow naloxone to be issued in locations other than pharmacies, making it easier for individuals to access Take Home Naloxone kits (THN) and for community-based organizations (CBO's) who work with individuals at risk of an opioid overdose to distribute kits to their clients. The Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority will work with CBO's in the coming weeks as they are registered with the THN program

and are provided with standard training and education regarding naloxone.

Although naloxone is now an unscheduled drug, SCPP standards of practice would still require proper education and training be provided for any sale of a THN kit within pharmacies which will mirror what patients will receive within the CBO's from other health care providers.

Register Your Pharmacy

As integral members of the health care team pharmacists continue to be a valued resource in providing education and training on the safe use of naloxone to Saskatchewan's vulnerable populations. The College urges all pharmacies to participate in harm reduction programs, carry THN kits and register your pharmacy with PAS in order to inform the public [https://www.skpharmacists.ca/uploads/media/5ada1d1ddc1e1/pas-naloxone-registry.pdf?token=\[M1934](https://www.skpharmacists.ca/uploads/media/5ada1d1ddc1e1/pas-naloxone-registry.pdf?token=[M1934).

If your pharmacy does not carry THN kits, you must ensure you are able to refer your patients and the public to locations that do, whether that is another community pharmacy or CBO.

Amended Opioid Substitution Therapy Guidelines and Standards

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

On January 19, 2018, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) have approved an amendment to the Saskatchewan Opioid Substitution Therapy Guidelines and Standards.

Correspondence from Registrar, Dr. Karen Shaw, M.D., dated January 30, 2018:

“The amendments relate to the standards surrounding temporary hospital-based prescribing and followed legislative changes made earlier by Health Canada which removed the requirement for a temporary hospital-based prescriber to obtain an exemption to prescribe short-term methadone in certain circumstances.”

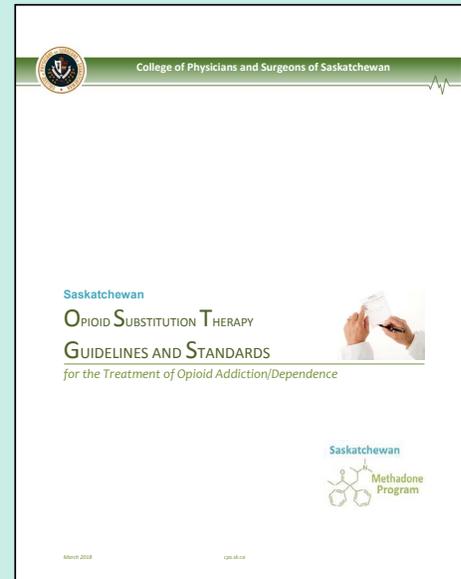
The relevant amendments:

3. Temporary Prescribing Physicians – In Hospitals and Corrections

This section applies to physicians who do not normally engage in MMT (methadone maintenance treatment) as a part of their practice, but may for a brief period prescribe methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder to a patient in hospital or in a corrections facility. If a physician is not a patient's current methadone prescriber, he/she is considered a Temporary Prescribing Physician. Whatever the situation, these physicians may not have specialized knowledge of opioid dependence but are responsible for patients who actively receive MMT.

To prevent unnecessary delays for patients that may find themselves in hospital or a correctional facility and are unable to source their personal prescriptions, pharmacists should be aware of the [amendments to the Opioid Substitution Therapy Guidelines and Standards](#).

As these guidelines pre-date the recent Health Canada amendment to the Section 56(1) exemption requirement for practitioners, the College expects the CPSS document will be updated to reflect these amendments with regard to opioid substitution therapy.



PIP Data Quality Update

Available statistics reviewing PIP data quality indicate 8,391 failed transactions in March 2018 or 0.43% of transactions in Saskatchewan, which can be broken down as follows:

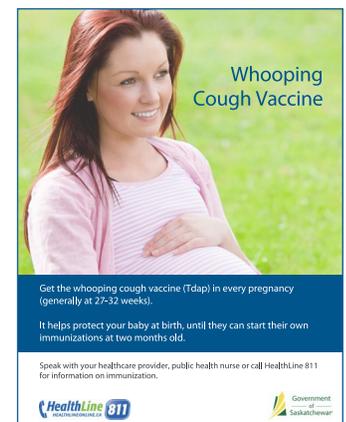
- 5,964 dispenses
- 2,104 logged prescriptions
- 323 non-prescribed records

More specifically, 691 failed transactions or 8% in this same period were narcotics, and 116 of those records were exempted codeine products still being sent to PIP as non-prescribed records. The practice of recording exempted codeine products as non-prescribed records in PIP should not be occurring according to the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Pharmacy Information Bulletin No. 634.

Whooping Cough Vaccine

The Government of Saskatchewan encourages pregnant women to get the whooping cough vaccine (Tdap) in every pregnancy (generally at 27-32 weeks) as it helps protect babies at birth until they can start their own immunizations. Pregnant women can speak with their healthcare provider, public health nurse or they can call HealthLine 811 for information on immunization.

For a copy of HealthLine's poster, please click [here](#).



New Professional Practice Review/Quality Improvement Review Process

A new process is being developed for Professional Practice Reviews (PPRs) that will be tentatively called Quality Improvement Reviews (QIRs). The change in name reflects a change in the focus of the review process—moving from confirming compliance, to coaching and assisting pharmacy staff in their quality improvement efforts, to help achieve the desired culture of safety within Saskatchewan pharmacies.

The focus of the new reviews centers around safety activities, including medication incident reporting and reviewing the MSSA and improvement plan, with the goal of ensuring all pharmacy staff are actively looking for ways to decrease incidents and ensure medication safety is continually reviewed and addressed.

The new QIR process will contain some of the same components of the current PPR process, such as the pharmacy manager completing a self-assessment prior to scheduling a review. The new self-assessment is shorter and contains questions about the SCPP bylaws.



Virtual Pharmacy Visits

One significant change is that QIRs will typically be performed virtually via an internet application instead of in-person, although there may be situations that still require an onsite visit. During the virtual visit, the field officer will be able to connect to the community pharmacy's computer to review safety-related tools.

More information will be provided to pharmacy managers within the next month regarding the technical aspects, including information about the computer program that will be used for the virtual visits and how the connection will occur.



Essentially what the virtual visit means is that once the self-assessment has been completed and the date of the review has been scheduled, the pharmacy manager will receive an email asking them to log into an online program at the scheduled time, allowing the field officer to access their computer virtually. During the review, the field officer will ask the pharmacy manager/QI Coordinator to access the CPhIR website to assess the safety work completed. The objective of reviewing this information is NOT to look at the specific details of the incidents, but to review the narrative of incidents to assist pharmacy staff in improving the completeness of their reporting so that they are able to better identify the root cause of the incidents. The MSSA graphics and improvement plan will also be reviewed.

Once the review is complete, the pharmacy manager will be provided with a report of the review with recommendations for improvement and potential resources that can assist the pharmacy staff in their quality improvement efforts.

Advancing Safety

SCPP views the change in the review process as a positive step in our ongoing partnership with our members. The College believes that pharmacy managers and QI coordinators will find the revised reviews to be helpful in advancing their safety efforts within the pharmacy.

Notes from the Field

Exempted Codeine Products

Pharmacists continue to report a shortage of all exempted codeine products. Calls to McKesson and Kohl & Frisch wholesalers did not yield any information about when the shortages may end. SCPP has been asked if it is acceptable to purchase stock bottles larger than 50 solid dosage units or 100mls of liquid. The SCPP Regulatory Bylaw does not permit the purchase or sale of larger quantities (section 7 and 8 of Part J https://scp.in1touch.org/document/3584/Bylaws_Regulatory_20170825.pdf).

Also, any repackaging would be considered a Good Manufacturing Practices activity by Health Canada and require an Establishment License (see section C.01A.004 http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._870/page-122.html#docCont).

SCPP has reached out to Health Canada for more information and will provide any information obtained.

Depots

Recently members have been inquiring about setting up "depots" in towns/villages where there are no pharmacy services to assist people in accessing their medications. The SCPP reference manual has guidance on depots at https://scp.in1touch.org/document/4160/REF_Depots_Policy_20180420.pdf.

The College asks that those considering setting up a depot or who are currently supplying services that would be considered a "depot" service, read the Depots Policy to ensure the guidelines are being fulfilled. Please contact the office if further information is required.

Compounding with Cannabis - Prohibited

NAPRA received a response from Health Canada confirming that under the proposed Cannabis Act and regulations, compounding would not be permitted.

Here is the wording received from Health Canada:

The proposed Cannabis Act states that activities with cannabis are prohibited unless authorized. Compounding would be captured under the prohibition on production (clause 12), which indicates that it is prohibited to obtain, or offer to obtain cannabis by any method or process, including manufacturing, synthesizing or altering its chemical or physical properties. As such, any compounding activity involving cannabis would require enabling regulations or a ministerial authorization, in addition to complying with applicable provincial or territorial requirements.

Please continue to watch the SCPP website for information on the Cannabis Act and regulations as they are released by Health Canada.

For the quickest access to the latest news and events, join the SCPP Members Facebook Group



When there is something the College would like to get out quickly, including drug schedule changes, training, events, important notices, etc. the Facebook Group is the fastest way to let members know what's happening. Where it is appropriate, this information may also be posted on the website. Members can also post items and questions they think will benefit the community.

The group is available only to SCPP members who request access. 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.

How to Join

Any SCPP member who is a Facebook user is encouraged to join the group. To join, the **member** can 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.

Discipline Matters

In determining an appropriate order, the Discipline Committee considers that the primary purpose of proceedings is the protection of the public and the interests of the pharmacy profession as a whole. When considering the public interest, the Discipline Committee is conscious of the fact that the public must have confidence in the profession's ability to regulate itself effectively in a manner that protects the public.

Decisions and Orders are posted in their entirety on the CanLII website at <https://www.canlii.org/en/sk/skcppdc/>. The direct link to the Decision and Order below is <https://www.canlii.org/en/sk/skcppdc/doc/2018/2018skcppdc1/2018skcppdc1.html>.

CanLII is a non-profit organization engaged by members of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to establish, operate, maintain and provide to the law societies a website dedicated to providing continuous access to a virtual library of Canadian legal information. CanLII's goal is to make Canadian law accessible on the Internet.

On February 13, 2018, the Discipline Committee was convened to consider charges that the respondents, **Dana Karlson** and 102034989 Saskatchewan Ltd. were guilty of professional incompetence, professional misconduct and proprietary misconduct within the meaning of sections 24, 25 and 26 of *The Pharmacy and Pharmacy Disciplines Act* (the Act).

The hearing proceeded by an Agreed Statement of Facts which included the admission by the member that his actions constituted professional incompetence and professional misconduct.

It was determined that 102034989 Saskatchewan Ltd. was no longer the proprietor operating Battleford Remedy's Rx as the proprietary pharmacy had been sold and that the new entity was not available and able to respond to the charges. Those charges were discontinued.

Mr. Karlson admitted to the following charges from the Decision and Order:

1. Dana Karlson

a) Dana Karlson being the pharmacy manager:

(a) *On numerous and various occasions, the dispensary was not under the personal attendance and supervision of a licensed pharmacist throughout the pharmacy hours of operation.*

(b) *Prescriptions were dispensed without the full and proper monitoring of a licensed pharmacist.*

(c) *Further to paragraph (b) patient counselling by a licensed pharmacist did not occur.*

b) *In Self-Assessment Review Forms dated January 29, 2013 and June 3, 2016 submitted to the College, you declared the following to be true and factual:*

(a) *"Pharmacist is always present in the pharmacy when the pharmacy is open to the public"*

(b) *"No professional services (including providing filled prescriptions to patients) were provided when pharmacists are not available"*

2. Dana Karlson

(a) *While you were absent from the pharmacy, you directed an employee who was neither a licensed pharmacist nor a licensed pharmacy technician to release prescription drugs to a patient. You did so by an exchange of text messages which included photographs taken by the employee of the prescriptions and the prescription label. As a trustee of personal health information, you were under a duty to protect personal health information. Exchanging personal health information in this manner breaches that duty.*

The decision and order states: *"the Discipline Committee has determined that a significant penalty is warranted which shall include a reprimand, remedial training, a suspension and a fine. It will further be a requirement of the order that any future manager or proprietor of any pharmacy whom Mr. Karlson works for will be made aware of this decision. The Discipline Committee is satisfied this will provide adequate protection for the public..."*

The Order of the Committee included:

- That Mr. Karlson be reprimanded.
- That Mr. Karlson pay a fine of \$2,000.00 by June 30, 2018. (Failure to pay the fine will result in a suspension of Mr. Karlson's practicing licence until payment is made).
- That Mr. Karlson's licence to practice be suspended for a period of 30 consecutive days beginning June 1, 2018.
- That Mr. Karlson successfully complete and achieve a passing grade for the full course "Managing Your Pharmacy: The Business Essentials" by September 30, 2018. (Failure to complete the course will result in a suspension of Mr. Karlson's practicing licence until successful completion of the course.)
- That Mr. Karlson will provide a copy of the decision and final order to any manager or proprietor of any pharmacy in whose dispensary he practices as a pharmacist or for which he works in any capacity.
- That Mr. Karlson pay costs of the hearing of \$18,535.00 by June 30, 2018. (Failure to pay the costs will result in a suspension of Mr. Karlson's practicing licence until payment is made.)



Pharmacy Technician Assessment Courses Updates 2018-19

Saskatchewan Polytechnic, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP), will once again be offering the Structured Practical Skills Assessment course to Pharmacy Technicians as part of the pathway to become a licensed pharmacy technician in Saskatchewan.

The deadline to become a licensed Pharmacy Technician in Saskatchewan via the bridging pathway is December 2019.

It is recommended that you work to meet the licensing requirements well in advance of the December deadline. **Along with the Structured Practical Skills Assessment Course, other requirements that must be met are the PEBC Qualifying Exam and the SCPP Jurisprudence Exam.**

Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA) Course

The **Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA) Course** is for candidates who have **not graduated** from a Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (CCAPP) accredited pharmacy technician programs **or for CCAPP accredited program graduates** who have been working for **more than 2000 hours** in the past 3 years. The course is an assessment of the candidate's basic competencies in a direct patient care practice setting approved by the Council of the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals. Candidates have had previous experience in a pharmacy setting and will demonstrate the ability to apply their knowledge and skills in a practical setting through completion of various activities that fall within the pharmacy technician's scope of practice. Course activities assess the candidate's competencies as listed by the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA). This assessment is to be completed within 2 to 12 weeks. This course may be completed at the candidate's current practice site provided the workplace provides sufficient opportunity to demonstrate the competencies.

This is an open learning program; candidates may register at any time during this course offering. **Candidates taking this program have 12 weeks from the date of registration to complete.**

Course Dates: July 3, 2018 to June 28, 2019

Delivery Method: Print Correspondence

Tuition: \$360

NOTE: The Pharmacy Technician licensing deadline is December 2019. This program will have a final offering in the next academic year from July 2, 2019 to September 16, 2019, with candidates being able to register for it anytime between these dates.

For Structured Practical Skills Assessment (SPSA) application and registration information please email Pharm.Tech@saskpolytech.ca or call 306-659-4070.

Structured Practical Training and Assessment (SPTA)

The **Structured Practical Training and Assessment (SPTA)** program will not be offered by Saskatchewan Polytechnic after June 30, 2018. This course is meant for recent graduates from a CCAPP-accredited program and there will be no graduates from the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Pharmacy Technician diploma program who require it this year.



From the Desk of the Dean

Dr. Kishor Wasan

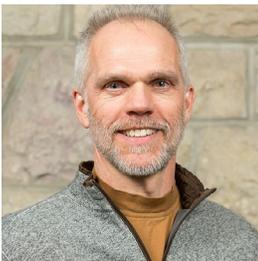
College of Pharmacy and Nutrition: Proud of Our Tradition and Home of Research and Practice Innovation

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It was a spectacular academic year at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, and I couldn't be more proud of our people. Our faculty have earned prestigious awards and appointments, while our students have demonstrated their professionalism and motivation. Here are some of the highlights since my last report:

Upcoming Alumni Events

- **Sask Night** will return to the **Canadian Pharmacists Association Conference** on **Sunday, June 3**, in Fredericton, New Brunswick at the Snooty Fox (66 Regent Street) at 9 p.m. The year's theme is Sports Night; costumes are encouraged.
- The college will host an **Alumni & Friends Evening** for both pharmacy and nutrition on **Friday, June 7** at 7 p.m. at Six Degrees Eatery (1590 Coal Harbour Quay, Vancouver) in conjunction with the **Dietitians of Canada Conference**. All local alumni are welcome to attend.
- The **Dean's Golf Tournament** will take place on Wednesday, June 27, at Greenbryre Golf & Country Club in Saskatoon. [Registration information.](#)



Celebration of Teaching

Congratulations to Dr. Ed Krol who was awarded the Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching for the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition at the Celebration of Teaching awards ceremony on Friday, April 27.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following faculty members on their upcoming promotions, which are effective July 1, 2018:

- **Dr. Holly Mansell** promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure
- **Dr. Ildiko Badea** promoted to Full Professor
- **Dr. Anas El-Aneed** promoted to Full Professor
- **Dr. Ed Krol** promoted to Full Professor
- **Dr. Hassan Vatanparast** promoted to Full Professor

Pharmasave-Rubicon Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 2018 Pharmasave-Rubicon Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition. A special thank you to our judges for taking time out of their busy schedules, and to Pharmasave for hosting a reception after the competition.



- **First Place: SPEAK about Mental Health and Addictions**
Alida Boulianne, Avery Deichert, Courtney Mish, Jessica Kubashek, Monique Cadrain, Theresa Lenkart
- **Second Place: CommuniCare**
Darren Reithmeier, Taylor Gilliland, Sarah Cooper, Alysha Jensen, Caitlyn Stene, Natasha McIntyre
- **Third Place: IMPACT: Inclusive Management and Provision of Ancillary Care for Tuberculosis**
Sara Abolhassani, Hishaam Bhimji, Britney Gessner, Meghanne Rieder, Haley Suchan, Evan Youle

BSP 2008 Reunion

On Saturday, April 28, the BSP Class of 2008 held their 10-year reunion, which included a tour of the new Health Sciences Building by Drs. Jeff Taylor and David Blackburn. Thanks to Julia Bareham for organizing the weekend's activities.



Make sure to join the College at one of our upcoming alumni events this spring. We'd love to reconnect with alumni from across the country and hear the stories of your successes.

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

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- IM Medroxyprogesterone 150 mg for Hormonal Contraception
- Combined Hormonal Contraceptives for Dysmenorrhea
- Azelaic Acid 15 % gel as an option for Mild Acne

Watch for the official announcement from SPP. Updated guidelines and PARs will be posted on the medSask website www.medsask.usask.ca at that time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact medSask (1-800-665-3425, 306-966-6340; druginfo@usask.ca).

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Examination Dates

Pharmacist Schedule of Exams

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Summer Pharmacist Evaluating Examination	July 4 & 5, 2018	Registration Closed
Fall Pharmacist Qualifying Examination	MCO: November 10 to 15, 2018	August 10, 2018
	OSCE: November 10, 2018	
Winter Pharmacist Evaluating Examination	January 8 & 9, 2019	September 28, 2018

Pharmacy Technician Schedule of Exams

Examination Name	Examination Date	Application Deadline Date*
Summer Pharmacy Technician Qualifying Examination	MCO: September 8, 2018	Registration Closed
	OSPE: September 9, 2018	
Fall Pharmacy Technician Evaluating Examination	October 13, 2018**	June 22, 2018

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

** Bridging candidates **must** have the PEBC Evaluating Examination completed by December 31, 2018. The October 13, 2018 sitting is the **FINAL** opportunity to fulfill the deadline requirement.

Upcoming Continuing Education

Program	Pharmacists/Pharmacy Technicians	Provider	Date	For more information:
COMPASS Quality Improvement Coordinator training	Pharmacists/Pharmacy Technicians	CPDPP	Online	Register Now
Update on Immunization (mandatory for pharmacists with AMC)	Pharmacists	CPDPP	Online	Register Now
Medication Safety Considerations for Compliance Packaging	Pharmacists/Pharmacy Technicians	ISMP e-learning	Online	Brochure
New Minor Ailments Training Courses	Pharmacists	CPDPP	Various	Website