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visit the homepage of the  
SCPP website:  
[www.saskpharm.ca](http://www.saskpharm.ca).

## Honouring Prescriptions via Telemedicine Consults

*What is telemedicine? The remote diagnosis and treatment of patients by means of telecommunications technology.*

Physicians are able to issue prescriptions via telemedicine consults once the physician is licensed with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) according to their policy on telemedicine, [The Practice of Telemedicine](#)

Prescriptions originating from telemedicine consults should only be honoured if the physician is confirmed to be licensed with CPSS.

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## Updated Data Related to the Opioid Crisis

### Statement

June 13, 2019 - Ottawa, ON - Public Health Agency of Canada

*Today, the co-chairs of the federal, provincial, and territorial Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses—Dr. Theresa Tam, Chief Public Health Officer of Canada, and Dr. Saqib Shahab, Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer—issued the following statement on the [release of new data on the opioid crisis](#).*

*"The epidemic of opioid overdoses continues to be the most challenging public health crisis in recent decades, and the devastating impacts of the crisis continue to be felt in many parts of the country, from Canada's largest cities to rural and remote communities.*

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MicroSCOPE is published by the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals (SCPP) and is emailed to all active members of the College. As the newsletter includes decisions on matters such as regulations, drug schedule changes, etc., SCPP expects all members are aware of these matters.

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

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## Important Patient Information just a click away for Saskatchewan Providers (eHealth Saskatchewan)

Saskatchewan health-care providers now have a more complete picture of their patient's health thanks to the collaborative efforts of 3sHealth, eHealth Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Since 2016, our organizations have been working to add transcribed medical reports from Saskatchewan health-care facilities into the provincial Electronic Health Record Viewer (eHR Viewer)—a secure website containing patient health information. Now, all Saskatchewan health-care providers with access to the eHR Viewer can quickly and easily view their patients' transcribed reports and documents from most hospitals and health-care facilities in the province [More...](#)

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## Safety Bulletin

### Gaps in Inter-connectivity of a Hospital's Electronic Systems Create Vulnerabilities at Transitions in Care

Electronic medication systems can help prevent medication errors, but these systems can also contribute to errors when they do not communicate with each other in real time. This ISMP safety bulletin shares one of several medication reports resulting from a communication gap between electronic systems within a single organization during a transition of care. [Read more](#)

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## Sun Safety

Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada. It is also the most preventable. As trusted and accessible health care professionals, Pharmacists have a role to play to educate their patients about sun safety and help prevent skin cancer. Sun Smart Saskatchewan has developed a small handout to staple or stuff inside of a prescription bag for patients. The handout has tips and information about sun safety to help patients and their families avoid sunburn and sun damage year round.

Sun Smart Saskatchewan will provide copies of the handout free of charge.

**Get in touch to request materials:** [nicole.braun@saskcancer.ca](mailto:nicole.braun@saskcancer.ca)

View the handout here: <http://sunsmartsk.ca/pharmacists/>

Check out our website: <http://sunsmartsk.ca/>

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# Tuberculosis

The Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch (DPEBB) along with eHealth have created a process whereby prescription medication dispensed from the TB clinic at the Royal University Hospital for the treatment of Tuberculosis (TB) will be transmitted to the PIP. This initiative is set to begin approximately on or shortly after September 9, 2019 and will provide a more complete and accurate PIP profile for those patients who are currently receiving active treatment for TB. This initiative will ensure a more complete patient record which improves medication management and safety for patients of Saskatchewan currently being treated for TB.

Due to the nature of these medications, CPDPP and medSask have worked closely with a pharmacist from the TB clinic to prepare a short document to provide education to pharmacists. The education will cover essential information about treating TB, pharmacotherapy highlights, and the role of the TB clinic in SK. CPDPP will also provide additional information regarding references and education courses available in Canada. This document will be emailed out by CPDPP and posted on the medSask website before it goes live on or about September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Upon implementation, for those patients currently on TB medications, the drug interactions have been managed by the TB clinic pharmacists. Any new medications dispensed may require drug interaction resolution in conjunction with the TB clinic staff. More information will be provided in the information document as well as contact information for the TB clinic.

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# SCPP Relocating

***Effective Sept 1/19 our new address will be 100-1964 Park St. Regina, SK S4N 7M5. All phone/fax and email addresses will remain the same. Please expect delays in responses from August 19 through to Sept 3 during our transition.***