

MEMO

DATE: 9/3/2020

TO: Practitioners

FROM: Doug Sellinger, Director Clinical Quality, Safety & Logistics Pharmacy Services, SHA

RE: PIP Prescribing for COVID-19 Positive Patients

The Saskatchewan Health Authority, in collaboration with eHealth, the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch and the Ministry of Health, is recommending the addition of COVID-19-specific information when prescribing electronically using the Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP).

When prescribing electronically through PIP:

- Please follow the detailed instructions in this [work standard](#). **Note:** Provide patients with a copy of the [Electronically Prescribed Medication](#) sheet after following Steps 1 to 4 in the work standard.
- It is recommended to input a message in the “Sig Instructions” field (e.g., **Patient tested positive for COVID-19. Pharmacy to arrange delivery/alternate pickup**) and include the patient’s contact information. This will allow the community pharmacy to coordinate with the patient to ensure safe dispensing of medications while limiting the risk of community exposure.

Refer to the two steps outlined below on the second page as a quick visual guide. If further clarification is required on electronic prescribing, please watch the training module *How to Create and Renew Simple Prescriptions (05:43)* at <https://www.ehealthsask.ca/services/pip/Pages/PIP-Training-Resources.aspx>. Please **use Internet Explorer web browser** to prevent technical difficulties when accessing the training video.

For assistance with e-prescribing in PIP, contact eHealth Saskatchewan at 1-888-316-7446.

Safety | Accountability | Respect | Collaboration | Compassion

With a commitment to a philosophy of Patient and Family Centred Care

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY: This information is for the recipient(s) listed and is considered confidential by law. If you are not the intended recipient, any use, disclosure, copying or communication of the contents is strictly prohibited.

Visual steps for adding appropriate COVID-19-related information when prescribing electronically via PIP

Step 1:

DRUG: Ibuprofen 600 mg Oral Tablet

DIN/NPN: Not available

GENERIC FORM: Ibuprofen 600 mg Oral Tablet

INDICATIONS: pain

DRUG USE: Short term

DOSAGE RANGE: 1 TAB

FREQUENCY: QSH

PRN: No

DURATION: 5 Day(s)

SIG INSTRUCTIONS: [Empty]

INSTRUCTION LIST: On an empty stomach, After meals, With Meals

QUANTITY: 15 TAB

REFILLS: 0

Buttons: CHANGE DRUG, MONOGRAPH, ADD SIG INSTRUCTION, DISPLAY ADDITIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS, REVIEW Rx

Step 2

DRUG: Ibuprofen 600 mg Oral Tablet

DIN/NPN: Not available

GENERIC FORM: Ibuprofen 600 mg Oral Tablet

INDICATIONS: pain

DRUG USE: Short term

DOSAGE RANGE: 1 TAB

FREQUENCY: QSH

PRN: No

DURATION: 5 Day(s)

SIG INSTRUCTIONS: Patient tested positive for COVID-19. Pharmacy to arrange delivery/alternate pickup

INSTRUCTION LIST: On an empty stomach, After meals, With Meals

QUANTITY: 15 TAB

REFILLS: 0

Buttons: CHANGE DRUG, MONOGRAPH, ADD SIG INSTRUCTION, DISPLAY ADDITIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPTIONS, REVIEW Rx