As previously reported, Council has approved both the Model Standards of Practice for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-hazardous Sterile Preparations and the Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Hazardous Sterile Preparations for implementation by January 1, 2019. The standards will apply in all pharmacies where sterile compounding is performed, including community pharmacies, drug preparation premises and hospital pharmacies.

The College has produced two gap analysis documents based on the Community and Hospital Assessment Criteria. Criteria have been taken from the relevant legislation, policies, guidelines or standards of practice. These gap analysis documents have been provided as tools to assist pharmacy professionals in assessing gaps in their sterile compounding practice and determining next steps required to meet the Model Standards of Pharmacy Compounding for Non-Hazardous Sterile Preparations and Hazardous Sterile Preparations. They can also be used to track and monitor progress. The documents are not meant to replace the standards.

If you have a practice assessment coming up, we encourage you to fill out the document ahead of time for discussion with your practice advisor. While the College does not require you to fill out or submit this analysis, and you are welcome to use other resources that might be available, we believe it will be very helpful in ensuring that your pharmacy is prepared for upcoming deadlines.

During the implementation timeline, your practice advisor will be monitoring your progress to ensure compliance with the standards by January 1, 2019.

Some elements of the standards, such as infrastructure or equipment, may take some time to put in place. However, you should start by concentrating on the people and the processes in your pharmacy. For example, you could begin by focusing on orientation, training, policies and procedures, guidelines, documentation, and quality assurance.

The College will continue to identify opportunities for the development of additional supporting material and guidance to assist pharmacies in meeting these standards.

Access the Gap Analysis for Hazardous Sterile Preparations and the Gap Analysis for Non-hazardous Sterile Preparations.