

# JUNE 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

*As recorded following Council's regularly scheduled meeting held at the College offices on June 13, 2016.*

## **PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED DEATH/ MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING**

The College has been actively collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, other regulatory bodies and applicable stakeholders on this important and evolving topic. When available, members will be advised of updates made to the [Guidance to Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians](#) document found on the College website.

## **COUNCIL APPROVES – FOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PHARMACY ACT REGULATION**

(Administration of Vaccinations by Pharmacists)

At its meeting in March, Council approved for circulation for public and member feedback, the amendments to the *Pharmacy Act* regulation which would authorize pharmacists to administer select vaccines.

The proposed changes will allow for the administration of vaccinations for 13 diseases that are preventable by vaccines. This includes vaccinations for Haemophilus Influenzae Type B, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Herpes Zoster, Human Papillomavirus, Japanese Encephalitis, Meningitis, Pneumococcal Disease, Rabies, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Disease, Varicella Virus and Yellow Fever. The proposed amendments

will also authorize pharmacy students and interns to administer injections – including those under the Universal Influenza Immunization Program and the selected vaccines – subject to the terms, limits and conditions imposed on their certificate of registration.

In addition to posting the proposed amendments to the regulation on the College website for 60 days, invitations to participate in the consultation were sent via email and social media. The consultation received 308 responses (280 from pharmacy professionals, 12 from the public and 16 from organizations). Read the [responses to the consultation](#).

The majority of the feedback indicates overall support for this amendment and no revisions to the proposed regulations were suggested. Council approved the amendment and the next step is for the College to submit the proposed regulation to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for final consideration and ultimate proclamation.

## **NEW PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTED TO COUNCIL**

Council welcomed Mr. Ravil Veli and Mr. James MacLaggan who were recently appointed to College Council for a period of three years.

While the addition of two public



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members on Council and committees is very much welcomed and appreciated, the full compliment of public member representation on Council has still not been met. Given the ongoing challenge of constituting panels for various committees Council agreed to continue to appeal to the Ministry to appoint more public members.

**BILL 21, SAFEGUARDING HEALTH CARE INTEGRITY ACT, 2014/ HOSPITAL PHARMACY OVERSIGHT**

Bill 21, *Safeguarding Health Care Integrity Act, 2014*, which has been passed in the legislature:

- Provides the College with the authority to license and inspect pharmacies within public and private hospitals, in the same manner it currently licenses and inspects community pharmacies
- Provides the College with the ability to enforce licensing requirements with regard to hospital pharmacies
- Allows the College to make regulations to establish the requirements and standards for licensing, operation and inspection of hospital pharmacies
- Provides government with the ability to extend the College’s oversight to other institutional pharmacy locations in the future, as appropriate

Although this Bill been passed in the legislature, provisions relating to the College’s oversight of hospital pharmacies will not come into effect until the required amendments to the *Drug and Pharmacies Act (DPRA)* regulation have been approved by government.

Minister Hoskins recently wrote a letter advising hospital Presidents and Chief Executive Officers that the proposed amendments to the DPRA, which were approved by Council in June 2015, will shortly be brought forward for approval by Cabinet. The Minister has encouraged hospitals to take the necessary steps to ensure the pharmacies are ready for OCP oversight.

**IMPROVING PHARMACY PRACTICE FIVE MINUTES AT A TIME**

Dr. David Edwards, Hallman Director, University of Waterloo presented to Council a proposal for the College to partner with the university in an initiative to offer a multimodal teaching tool called “Pharmacy 5in5”. The interactive educational tool is designed to help pharmacists and pharmacy technicians develop their skills and acquire a deeper understanding of a variety of clinical and professional topics with a goal of enhancing the delivery of safe, effective and ethical care. Potential topics include changes to the scope of practice,

implementation of new services, and clinical management. Pharmacy 5in5 allows users to audit their knowledge and provides them with feedback on their knowledge level compared to their peers.

Given the online delivery of the program, a significant amount of cumulative data will be collected and used by the College to evaluate performance against deliverables identified in the College’s Strategic Plan (2015 – 2018). College Council agreed to partner with Waterloo in this multi-year research based, professional development initiative with an investment of \$400,000 over three years. **PE**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2016:**

- Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September, 2016
- Monday 12 December, 2016

Council meetings are open to the public, and are held at the College: 483 Huron Street, Toronto, ON M5R 2R4. If you plan to attend, or for more information, please contact

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