

JUNE 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

DRUG PREPARATION PREMISES (DPP) REGULATION UPDATE

Registrar Moleschi provided Council with a status report regarding Drug Preparation Premises. The regulation and enabling by-laws, which were unanimously approved by Council at the special meeting of Council held on May 10, 2013, when combined with the Ministry's regulation change to the *Public Hospitals Act* (PHA), will ensure that hospitals purchase drugs only from accredited, licensed or otherwise approved suppliers.

Council heard that the timelines and work plan for the various processes are on target. Members currently employed in these premises are identifying themselves to the College and draft standards for the inspection process are being compiled and are expected to be forwarded to stakeholders for consultation in the coming weeks. Inspections of Drug Preparation Premises are expected to commence in early August and to be completed prior to the implementation of the PHA regulation in mid-September.

REVISED OPERATING BY-LAW NO. 3 APPROVED FOR CONSULTATION

In September 2012, Council directed that a Special Committee of Council be appointed to conduct an overall review of the College's Operating By-law. Following extensive evaluation, the revised By-law No. 3 was

provided to Council for discussion. Council noted that the review has resulted in clarification of language, intent and process and has eliminated redundant language where appropriate.

Since the proposed by-law includes amendments to sections regarding Professional Liability Insurance, the Register, and Pharmacy Transaction Fees, which are required to be circulated for consultation prior to being approved by Council, the proposed by-law is being circulated to members for feedback. Once the feedback has been collected from various stakeholder groups, it will be reported back to Council at the September meeting. More information can be found on the College website at www.ocpinfo.com.

PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT REGULATION APPROVED FOR CONSULTATION

Council approved for circulation a draft amended regulation to the *Pharmacy Act* to address professional misconduct. The College is proposing revision, addition and deletion of certain clauses of the Professional Misconduct Regulation at this time to address the addition of a new class of registrants, the expanded scope of practice, and the expectation that members will exercise professional judgement in choosing to deliver services and/or referring patients to another




health professional as needed. The proposed regulation aligns with those of other health professions and takes into account current College policies and guidelines and the *Model Standards of Practice for Canadian Pharmacists*. The amendment follows the provision for proprietary misconduct under the *Drug and Pharmacies Regulation Act*.

Council will consider feedback at its September 2013 meeting at which time ratification of the regulation will be proposed and submission to government enabled. More information can be found on the College website at www.ocpinfo.com.

REVISED GUIDELINE ON MULTI-MEDICATION COMPLIANCE AIDS APPROVED

Council approved a revised guideline (refer to page 17) on multi-medication compliance aids which updates a policy approved by Council several years ago and provides additional guidance to members who dispense medications in compliance packaging. The guideline focuses on areas where it is expected that a pharmacist will use professional judgment including: evaluating whether a medication is suitable for compliance packaging, choosing the packaging material, and taking into consideration best practices

for drug administration when packaging medications together. It also addresses safety issues for both members and patients and provides a summary of the information to be shared between the pharmacist, patient, family member/caregiver and prescriber when choosing this dispensing option. 

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

September 9 & 10, 2013

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Members Emeritus

Any pharmacist who has practiced continually in good standing in Ontario and/or other jurisdictions for at least 25 years can voluntarily resign from the Register and make an application for the Member Emeritus designation. Members Emeritus are not permitted to practice pharmacy in Ontario but will be added to the roll of persons so designated, receive a certificate and continue to receive Pharmacy Connection at no charge.

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