Conference 2013
The Annual General Meeting of the PEI Pharmacists Association took place on May 10th and 11th, 2013 at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel in Charlottetown, PEI.

The following pharmacists were honored with awards:

- **Bowl of Hygeia** – Crystal MacEachern
- **Sid Stead Memorial** – Billy Doucette
- **Certificate of Recognition** - Betty Hutt
- **Meritorious Service** – Ryan Murphy
- **Sunshine Award** – Christie Smith
- **Rookie of the Year** – Chris McKenna
- **Takeda Magnum** – Jeanette MacQueen

Message from President Carolyn Coulson:

It was with pleasure that I became president of the PEI Pharmacists Association at the Annual General Meeting in May 2013. We are practicing in a very exciting time and I am anticipating that the next 2 years will be no less monumental. PEI pharmacists have shown that they are eager to take on new responsibilities and expanded scope of practice. Med Reviews have been overwhelmingly accepted across the province. Congratulations! It is you, our members, who will continue to push the limits of what pharmacists can and should be doing in our Province and the PEI Pharmacist Association is working hard to advocate on your behalf to have these new and exciting changes take place. It is not without difficulty that we've begun this journey. Generic price reform has affected us all and more reductions are expected, as decreasing the cost of brand name molecules is now being discussed by the Council of the Federation. As your Association, we are supporting and promoting your views and concerns. As members, I would suggest you stay informed on the important issues that are happening in your Province and across the country. Become involved, be active, promote your profession!
PEI Medication Review:

PEI PharmaCheck is a comprehensive medication review service delivered by pharmacists consisting of:

- A basic medication review with up to four follow-ups per year
- A diabetes-specific medication review with up to four follow-ups per year

The overall goal of the program is to provide a clinical pharmacy service focusing on proper usage of prescription and non-prescription medications and proper management of the patient’s disease states to achieve better health outcomes.

Specifically the program will focus on:

- Improvement of the patient’s knowledge of and adherence to their medication therapy.
- Optimization of medication therapy choices to achieve better outcomes.
- Reduction of potential risks associated with their medication therapy.
- Discussion of any potential lifestyle/non-medication treatments that might help in achieving better health outcomes.
- Development of action plans on identified issues and follow-up with patients and/or other health care providers where needed.
- For Diabetic patients, enhanced discussion and evaluation of diabetes-related issues to achieve better outcomes.
- Provision of a current and accurate medication list for the patient to take home at the end of the medication review.

Eligibility Criteria

**PEI Basic Medication Review (BMR):**

The beneficiary must be taking 3 or more chronic prescription medications which are covered by the Pharmacare Programs and are used for the treatment of chronic conditions. The beneficiaries must be covered under:

1. Seniors Drug Cost Assistance Program
2. Financial Assistance Program
3. Private Nursing Home Program

**PEI Diabetes Medication Review (DMR):**

The beneficiary must be taking at least one (1) prescription medication which is covered by the Pharmacare Programs & is used for the treatment of diabetes. They must be diabetics registered with PEI Pharmacare & in:

1. Diabetes Program
2. Financial Assistance Program
3. Private Nursing Home Program

As of August, the number of Islanders have benefitted from this service:

- Basic- 2235
- Basic Follow-up- 165
- Diabetic- 1058
- Diabetic Follow-up- 120
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Employment Corner

Part-time Pharmacist Required

Shoppers Drug Mart #105, Summerside, PEI is looking for a part-time pharmacist.

Hours Required: Two Sundays per month - 10am-6pm

For more information or to respond, please contact:
David Gallant, Associate/Owner via email at asdm105@shoppersdrugmart.ca

Exciting CE Opportunity for Association Members: Space Limited!

Members, mark your calendars for a live CE Opportunity being held at the Pilot House in Charlottetown, PEI on Wednesday, September 25th. The program is entitled “New Facts For Managing An Old Skin Disease” and will be presented by Dr Irina Turchin, Dermatologist from Fredericton, NB. Registration begins at 6:30, with the presentation to follow at 7:00pm. This program is CCCEP accredited for 1.25 CEUs.

Space is limited, so RSVP to 1-800-668-7234 ext 2535# to avoid disappointment.

Preparing for Expanded Scope of Practice for PEI Pharmacists

At the AGM of PEI Pharmacists Association, members expressed interest in having access to an accredited Injection Program, in preparation for pending regulatory changes that would allow for pharmacists in PEI to administer medications by injection.

The Immunization and Injection Administration Training Course offered by Dalhousie College of Pharmacy, Continuing Education Division is a comprehensive CCCEP accredited program which will prepare pharmacists for this new role.

Registration is now open for Dalhousie Continuing Pharmacy Education’s (Dal CPE) Immunization and Injection Administration Training Program (IIATP). A course has been scheduled on November 16th at the Future Inn in Moncton to allow PEI pharmacists to participate in the IIATP before the end of 2013. PEI pharmacists can now register for this program online at https://www.dalcperegistration.ca/programs/. This program has been accredited by Dal CPE and by CCCEP. PEI pharmacists should be aware that they are taking this program at their own risk before regulations have been officially adopted in PEI. No refunds will be provided by Dal CPE if the anticipated regulatory changes do not take place.
When you register for the IIATP course you will receive an email with information about the online component as well as details about the live-day being held on November 16th. More details are available at: https://www.dalcperegistration.ca/program/immunization-and-injection-administration-training-program-moncton-november-16th-2013/.

Please note, there are also spaces available in the IIATP session being held in Moncton on October 23rd if this date is more convenient for you. Registration for this session is also found at https://www.dalcperegistration.ca/programs/.

If you have questions about the IIATP program in general, please contact us at dalcpedal.ca.

A NOTE ON PEI PHARMACHECK AUDITS:

All stores have received an audit request from PEI Drug Programs of the newly introduced PEI PharmaCheck Program. The results were generally very positive. This audit was educational in nature. The Association will meet with government to streamline the reporting and auditing process. Your feedback is welcomed!

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