

CPSM Council held a meeting on June 22; below is a summary of updates from the meeting.

Fee Increase

Council approved the Annual Operating Budget and a fee increase as follows:

1. **Physician (Full Practicing, Provisional, and Assessment Candidate registrants)**
Recognizing the impact of inflation, Council approved the annual certificate of practice fee to increase from \$1,890 to **\$2,050**, which includes a 6% inflation rate and an additional 2% increase to cover initiatives to fulfill the CPSM mandate of regulating the medical profession in the public interest.
2. **Physician Assistant and Regulated Associate Member –Clinical Assistant** annual certificate of practice fees increase by \$100 from \$300 to **\$400**. This fee has been exempt from increases for more than twenty years.
3. **Medical Corporation fee** will increase by \$50 from \$150 to **\$200**. Medical Corporation fees have been unchanged for years and have been previously exempted from the CPI increase.

For a list of all CPSM fees, see the [Fee Bylaw](#).

Strategic Organizational Priorities

Council establishes Strategic Organizational Priorities for CPSM on an annual basis. Here are the six Strategic Organizational Priorities:

1 -Truth and Reconciliation: Addressing Indigenous Racism by Medical Practitioners

Council made addressing anti-indigenous racism a priority last year and it became clear that a more complex and multifaceted approach was required. It is a multi-year commitment as it aims to change a pervasive culture with which some are only beginning to come to terms. Since then, the Indigenous Advisory Circle was formed and has met seven times and will have several recommendations for Council soon.

Manitoba joins other organizations such as the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Royal College, Medical Council of Canada, and the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada, in making commitments to address Indigenous racism in the health care system.

2 - Prescribing Rules Review

Prescribing can be difficult and dangerous yet can yield tremendous outcomes in health benefits. Any changes to prescribing must adhere to the highest standards of both patient safety and societal safety.

The Prescribing Rules Review is also a multi-year initiative and continues to be a priority for CPSM. It includes a review of numerous regulations, statutory schemes, Standards of Practice, Practice Directions, and other items. This review is joint with the College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba and the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba.

A review of qualified prescribers will form part of the review. A risk assessment of every recommended change will be undertaken to ensure the patients remain safe, yet there is still access to drugs.

3 – Quality of Care as the Identity of CPSM

As a regulator, CPSM's mandate is to protect the public. One of the ways we fulfill this is by holding registrants accountable and dealing with individuals who act egregiously or cause harm, but it is not the only way we are protecting the public. CPSM invests in proactive measures to support safe practice and provide registrants with positive learning experiences.

We aim to do this through practical and clear communications, providing transparency in our processes and reducing fear of engaging with us. In the past few years, we have successfully engaged more registrants with our Quality focused programs, such as audits, by using feedback as educational opportunities and reducing fear and the perception that CPSM's sole role as a regulator is discipline.

It is critical to make the public aware of how CPSM is proactive with registrants practicing in Manitoba, how they are held to standards of practice and good medical care and are supported to be the best practitioners possible. Branding CPSM as an organization built upon supporting and enhancing the quality of care in the medical profession is in the public interest and improves patient safety.

4- Performance Metrics

The creation of measurement tools for each of CPSM's core functions – Registration, Quality, and Complaints & Investigations – will be developed. Measurement results will demonstrate the impact of CPSM's programming on patient safety and to the public, registrants, Council, and other stakeholders.

5- Review of Standards of Practice, Practice Directions, Bylaws, and Policies

These are to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

6- Standard of Practice – Episodic, House Calls, and Walk-In Primary Care

Additionally, the Standard of Practice for Episodic, House Calls, and Walk-In Primary Care will be finalized this year. If you wish to review the Briefing note, draft standard, and/or the registrant, stakeholder, and Public Survey feedback, click [HERE](#) and see pages 112 to 197.

Prescribing Practices Program Presentation

Dr. Marina Reinecke, Medical Consultant for the CPSM Prescribing Practices Program, provided an update on these main elements:

- **Chief Medical Examiner Death Review Program** – Deaths in adults ages 18-65 involving prescription and non-prescription medications. Are reviewed. Physicians are informed if the circumstances surrounding a patient’s death are relevant to ongoing practice and are an opportunity to provide case-based education and promote self-reflection. Case-specific feedback utilizing standardized quality indicators is utilized.
- **Opioid Agonist Therapy Program** – oversees the training, approval, mentoring, and auditing (partly funded by a grant) for methadone & buprenorphine used in treating opioid use disorder, balancing patient safety while promoting access to care for patients. There are **129 OAT MD prescribers** (up from 9 in 2015) and **161 OAT access points** (up from 9 in 2015) in Manitoba.
- **General Prescribing Advice** – is based on the principle of capacity building. This program responds to concerns and/or clinical cases sought by registrants (65%), pharmacists (24%), other healthcare professionals (11%) and patients. Demand for support has gone up 140% over the previous year, highlighting the need and value of this program.

CPSM Council Elections

Recent elections for positions on Council resulted in the following individuals becoming Councillors.

North - Dr. Lisa Monkman; East - Dr. Kevin Convery; Winnipeg - Dr. Caroline Corbett; and Associate Member - Christopher Barnes, PA

Council comprises of 18 members: 2/3 CPSM registrants and 1/3 public representatives. For full list of Council Members, click [HERE](#).

We wish to thank the following outgoing Councillors for their dedication and contributions to CPSM’s mandate throughout their terms. Dr. Ravi Kumbharathi, Dr. Daniel Lindsay, Dr. Wayne Manishen, Dr. Eric Sigurdson, Dr. Heather Smith, Dr. Brett Stacey

COUNCIL MEETINGS

As a reminder, Council meetings are open to all registrants and members of the public. If you are interested in attending a Council meeting in person or virtually, you must notify the Registrar at theregistrar@cpsm.mb.ca.

The next Council meeting is on **September 29, 2022 - 8:00 a.m.** For a list of all Council, Meeting dates, click [HERE](#).