

CPSM Council met on March 22, 2023. Below are important updates from the meeting for your information.

Quality Prescribing Rules Review

The Quality Prescribing Rules Review Working Group continues its review of prescribing with the Colleges of Pharmacists and Registered Nurses.

The Working Group is reviewing several items for public consultation in June. Any changes, which would take effect in 2024, will require council approval. A public consultation will be held to receive feedback from registrants, the public, and other stakeholders. Potential changes may relate to:

- Permitting verbal prescriptions of controlled substances, including M3P drugs (in very limited circumstances).
- Permitting pharmacists to transfer prescriptions to other pharmacies, including out-of-province.
- The inclusion of certain codeine-containing products to the M3P drug list.
- Pharmacists extending prescriptions.
- Clinical indications or diagnosis requirements for new and off-label use prescriptions.
- Clinical Assistants and Physician Assistants' prescribing abilities.
- Standard of Practice - Prescribing Requirements updates.
- Transmitting prescriptions by email will not be pursued at this time.

Collaborative Care

[Section 3 of the Standard of Practice – Collaborative Care](#) requires a consultant registrant to respond to a patient and the referring registrant verbally or in writing within 30 days of receipt in response to requests for a non-urgent consultation. Additionally, the consultant must notify the patient and the referring registrant of the anticipated appointment date.

Issues with complying with this provision of the Standard have been identified.

Council added the review of the Standard of Practice – Collaborative Care as a Strategic Organizational Priority.

Registration Policies and Practice Directions

- 1) **Public Consultation: Practice Direction – Professional Practice and Inactivity**
- 2) The *DRAFT Practice Direction – Professional Practice and Inactivity* was approved by Council to be distributed to the public, stakeholders, and registrants for consultation.

This Practice Direction deals with registrants who have been away from their practice for three years or longer; the Registrar must assess their ability to provide safe, competent care before registration.

An *inactive physician* is one who is planning to re-enter practice after being on leave for three years or more, whether it is a general absence from all clinical activity or a specific absence from one or more fields of clinical practice through restriction of practice or through practice in a specific setting. A physician who has not practiced within a scope of practice for three years or longer is also considered to be inactive in that scope.

The consultation is now open for your review and feedback.

How to Submit Feedback

1. Review the [DRAFT Practice Direction – Professional Practice and Inactivity](#).
2. Submit your comments in writing by email to: CPSMconsultation@cpsm.mb.ca

The deadline for feedback is April 30, 2023.

3) A couple of Council Policies were approved:

- [Council Policy – Manitoba Practice Assessment Program](#)
- [Council Policy – Assessment Candidate \(Re-Entry to Practice\)](#)

Strategic Organizational Priorities

These are the Strategic Organizational Priorities for 2022/23.

[Standard of Practice – Episodic, House Calls, and Walk-in Primary Care](#) | Status: Completed
Standards of Practice, Practice Directions, and Council Policies Multi-Year Review | Status: Ongoing

Truth and Reconciliation Anti-Indigenous Racism | Status: Ongoing
CPSM is acting on the [seven recommendations](#) from the Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Circle. Several actions are in progress.

Performance Metrics | Status: Ongoing

Quality of Care as the Identity of CPSM | Status: New

Standard of Practice - Social Media

In January, a public consultation was held for the DRAFT Standard of Practice for Social Media. Input from the consultation has been received and shared with the Working Group. The feedback and draft Standard are being reviewed and will go Council in June for final approval.

All Council materials are located on our website [here](#).