



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### **The Standard of Practice for Prescribing Opioids comes into effect September 30, 2018**

The Standard of Practice for Prescribing Opioids addresses instances of prescribing opioids for acute, post-operative, and chronic non-cancer pain. It does not address palliative care, active cancer treatment, end-of-life care, opioid replacement therapy, or the management of opioid use disorder. Recognizing that different categories of patients require a different approach to prescribing opioids, the Standard differentiates prescribing opioids by patient categories.

This is the only Standard in Canada that provides physicians with a differentiation by patient category. It is also the only Standard that includes provisions for adolescents. These patient differentiations should enable physicians to quickly access the relevant provisions for their patients.

The Standard was revised based upon input received through the consultation process. Members must familiarize themselves with the final version of the [Standard](#).

As requested by the membership, the College is providing resources to assist physicians and patients in adapting to this Standard. The CPSM website now has information regarding the Standard of Practice for Prescribing Opioids.

Please visit the web site at [www.cpsm.mb.ca](http://www.cpsm.mb.ca) for further information.

Regards  
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