

Pharmacy Opioid Summit

COLLECTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENTS



June 2, 2017

ALBERTA COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS

Dale Cooney, Deputy Registrar

Greg Eberhart, Registrar

1. We proposed amendments to the Scheduled Drugs Regulation (Alberta), to move all non-prescription codeine products to Schedule 1, meaning that they would require a prescription.
2. We partner with other organizations in the Triplicate Prescription Program, a prescription monitoring program for drugs of potential abuse
 - We collaborate with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta to communicate with our respective registrants about high risk individuals
3. We sit as a member of the Provincial Urgent Opioid Response Coordinating Committee
4. We participated in the development of procedures for the distribution of Naloxone kits and provided guidelines for pharmacists to provide
5. Naloxone kits as a schedule 2 drug; and later, as an unscheduled drug
6. We have collaborated with the College of Physicians and Surgeons as a presenter at their Forum regarding Opioid Prescribing and provided input to the development of prescribing standards for drugs with abuse potential
7. Council has supported the development of policy under consideration by Alberta Health regarding the distribution of opioids to patients covered by government programs
8. We are developing standards/guidelines for pharmacists re dispensing of prescriptions for opioids. These will be considered at the June meeting of ACP council.

ALBERTA PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION

Margaret Wing, CEO

Jody Shkrobot, President

1. Take Home Naloxone (THN) Education program (Online)
 - a. We are a partner organization for educating community pharmacists and registering sites for access to THN kits.
 - b. CCCEP Accredited 0.5 CEUs

Category Education

Partners Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services
2. Beyond Naloxone: What Role Will Pharmacists Play in Alberta's Opioid Crisis - Education Program (Online)
 - a. CCCEP Accredited 1.0 CEU

Category Education

3. A Review of the New Physician Opioid Prescribing Guidelines for Pharmacists (Conference Session – planned fall 2017) – Speaker TBD

Category Education

Partners TPP?, Alberta College of Family Physicians?, Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons?

4. Triplicate Prescription Program

- a. RxA is a partner in this provincial program that aims to reduce the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, especially that of opioids.
- b. The TPP collects prescribing and dispensing data for listed drugs. When the data meet certain criteria, physicians and others involved in the care of the patient are alerted, provided with information and directed to resources to support them in providing safe care.

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners Alberta College of Pharmacists, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, the Alberta Medical Association, the College and Association of Registered Nurses, the Alberta Dental Association and College, the Alberta Veterinarian Medical Association, Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services.

Timeline Ongoing

5. NetCARE/PIN support and engagement

- a. RxA supports the adoption of the provincial electronic health record known as NetCARE along with the repository of dispensed medications known as the Pharmaceutical Information Network by administering grants to enable uptake by pharmacies.
- b. Currently the majority of pharmacies batch their dispensed information each day into PIN however this is changing with the support of RxA to the real time integration of data.
- c. The benefit of PIN is that all clinicians have access to a patient's drug profile and can assess the potential for medication mis-use.

Category Control and monitoring

Partners Alberta College of Pharmacists, Alberta Health

Timeline Ongoing

ASSOCIATION DES PHARMACIENS DES ÉTABLISSEMENTS DE SANTÉ DU QUÉBEC

François Paradis, Président

Linda Vaillant, Directrice générale

1. Offrir une formation aux pharmaciens d'établissements sur la gestion des surdoses (accidentelles ou volontaires)

Catégorie Éducation

2. Offrir une formation aux pharmaciens d'établissements sur la gestion de la douleur (incluant l'utilisation de molécules autres que les opiacés)

Catégorie Éducation

ASSOCIATION OF FACULTIES OF PHARMACY OF CANADA

Beth Sproule, Chair, AFPC Opioid Working Group

Janet Cooper, Executive Director

1. Conduct an environmental scan to identify faculty experts, best teaching practices and the extent to which current curricula addresses pain management, opioid use and misuse.

- Develop plan for environmental scan
- Data collection
- Analyze, interpret scan results
- Develop and implement dissemination plan
- AFPC Annual Conference presentation

Category Education

Partners 10 Canadian Pharmacy Faculties

Timeline June 2017

2. Adapt and disseminate the recommendations of the First Do No Harm: Responding to Canada's Prescription Drug Crisis Strategy "Competencies for health professionals in pain management, drug prescribing, dependence, addiction and abuse" within the curricula for undergraduate levels and continuing professional development of the 10 faculties of pharmacy

- Adapt:
 - Draft competencies for pharmacists
 - Stakeholder consultations on draft document
 - Finalize competency document
- Disseminate:
 - Develop dissemination plan
 - Implement plan
 - (Monitor uptake)

Category Education

Partners 10 Canadian Pharmacy Faculties

Timeline October 2017

ASSOCIATION QUÉBÉCOISE DES PHARMACIENS PROPRIÉTAIRES

Jean Bourcier, Executive Vice-President and General Director

Jean Thiffault, Président

1. Early dissemination of information on the use of naloxone and on the National collective prescription developed by INESSS for community pharmacists based in Quebec.

Category Education

Timeline May 2017

2. Participation in the multi stakeholder working group set up by OPQ to establish a plan of action for the safer use of opioids in Quebec.

Category Control & Monitoring

Partners OPQ, APES

Timeline Starting June 2017

3. Work with RAMQ-DSQ and pharmacy software developers to ensure that all exempted codeine products dispensed by pharmacists appear in the DSQ.

Category Control & Monitoring

Partners RAMQ

Timeline Ongoing

4. Request from RAMQ and public health for a wider reimbursement of naloxone and coverage of a complete kit.

Category Prevention

Partners RAMQ, Quebec Public Health

Timeline Ongoing

5. Share with members ongoing and new initiatives and control measures for proper use of opioids for pain management and for limiting diversion.

Category Education

Timeline Ongoing

BRITISH COLUMBIA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION

Mark Dickson, BCPhA Board Director & CPhA Board Director representing BCPhA

1. Take Home Naloxone (THN) Kit Distribution & Education

- a. We are a partner organization for educating community pharmacists and ensuring they educate patients and others who purchase a Naloxone kit in a pharmacy.

- b. We are currently in discussions with BCCDC regarding distribution of free THN kits in select pharmacies throughout BC.

Category Education

Partners BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)

Timeline Ongoing

2. In discussion with Medical Beneficiary & Pharmaceutical Services Division (MBPSD) of the BC Ministry of Health regarding the development and implementation of a new CCCEP accredited Opioid Substitution Treatment & Compliance Program (education program for pharmacists)

Category Education

Partners MBPSD & BC Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU)

Timeline In discussions with MBPSD

3. Exploring a feasibility pilot in pharmacies of low barrier oral to injectable hydromorphone to prevent fatal overdose deaths

Category Education & Service Delivery

Partners BCCSU

Timeline In discussions with BCCSU

CANADIAN COUNCIL ON CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PHARMACY

Philip Emberley, President

1. CCCCEP will develop a competency-mapped accreditation system to ensure that continuing education programs meet the standards and criteria for the required competencies to provide optimum emergency and ongoing care and medication management for patients with opioid dependency and/or other related health conditions.

Category Education

Partners To be determined. Open to any interested program provider, regulatory authority, professional association and other stakeholders.

Timeline September 2018

CANADIAN GENERIC PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

Anne Wilkie, Vice President, Scientific & Regulatory Affairs

1. CGPA members meet and in many cases exceed regulatory requirements to ensure the manufacturing and sale of safe, effective lower cost treatment options and to minimize the potential for diversion.

Category Control & Monitoring

Partners Manufacturing & Distribution System Stakeholders

Timeline Ongoing

2. Our member companies support efforts to educate physicians on appropriate prescribing and patient education on appropriate use and safe storage to prevent diversion. Focusing efforts towards proposals that address the route of the problem such as better control and guidance at the prescriber and patient level would lead to a more complete long-term solution while maintaining adequate access for Canadians that require such pain medication.

Category Education

Partners Healthcare professionals

Timeline Ongoing

CANADIAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Alistair Burse, President

Perry Eisenschmid, Chief Executive Officer

1. Developing a sector-wide strategy in Pharmacy on opioid misuse focused on prevention, control and monitoring and addiction management. This will include maximum dispensed quantities of narcotics, effective pain management, Drug Information System / Electronic Health Record monitoring systems to help reduce diversion, and addiction treatment programs, among others. The strategy will advance education programs, as well as regulatory and practice guidelines.

Partners Pharmacy community

Timeline October 2017

2. Undertaking and promoting pharmacy practice based research in the area of opioid abuse (e.g., addiction management, optimal strategies for managing co-morbidities, innovative and best practice pharmacy approaches, and de-prescribing strategies).
3. Producing an environmental scan of Continuing Professional Development programs across the country as they relate to pharmacists to better understand what already exists and to ensure that there is no duplication.
4. Continuing to work with Health Canada, Regulatory Authorities and stakeholders towards extending prescribing authority for pharmacists to include medication management of controlled substances.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS

Dr Myrella Roy, Executive Director

Dr Glen Pearson, Past-President

1. Provide feedback on any revisions of Accreditation Canada's Qmentum medication management standards in light of the Joint Statement of Action to Address the Opioid Crisis

Category Prevention

Partners Accreditation Canada

Timeline Contingent on timing of standard review by Accreditation Canada

2. Work with Health Canada, HealthCareCAN, other stakeholders, and CSHP members to identify best practices related to the handling and monitoring of medications within hospitals with the aim of reducing the loss and/or theft of opioid medications.

Category Control and monitoring

Partners Health Canada, HealthCareCAN

Timeline Ongoing

COSTCO PHARMACY

Lawrence Varga, GMM Operations

Joseph Hanna, Director Rx Buying/Pharmacy Benefits & Professional Services

1. Each pharmacy has been sent a minimum inventory level of 2 Take Home Naloxone (THN) kits with injectable naloxone. All pharmacy managers are familiar with provincial standards for providing THN, and ensure they have taken any steps needed to competently and confidently provide customer.

Category Harm Reduction

Partners Provincial Pharmacy Associations, Regulators, Manufacturers, Distributors

Timeline April 2017

2. Narcan nasal spray has been acquired and two units have been shipped to each location for overdose patients that occur on the premises. Conference calls have occurred with all pharmacy managers across Canada.

Category Harm Reduction

Partners Internal, Adapt Pharma

Timeline April 2017

3. Implemented fentanyl patch-for-patch program in Ontario.

Category Education/ Control and Monitoring

Partners Pharmacy Associations, Regulators, Manufacturers

Timeline Oct 2016

4. Restricted all Imodium and generic Imodium products to a maximum of three packages. Placed these products behind the counter, requiring pharmacist consultation for each sale of product.

Category Prevention

Partners Internal

Timeline May 2017

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACY REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

Anjli Acharya, President

Adele Fifield, Executive Director

The National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (Nov. 2016) Commitments:

The commitments of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) are included simply for information-sharing. NAPRA's engagement on the opioid crisis is solely through its participation on the [Joint Statement of Action to Address the Opioid Crisis](#) that was signed in November 2016. Because of the unique role of pharmacy regulators in public protection and as regulators of the profession, NAPRA and its members do not participate in pharmacy sector initiatives led by other organizations.

1. Developing and implementing a pharmacist-patient communication tool that will provide guidance to pharmacists on how to have difficult conversations with patients regarding opioid use.

Timeline November 2017

2. Contributing to national monitoring and surveillance through compiling the extent by which provinces are able to gather data from multiple sources on the doses of opioids, for example, in “morphine equivalents” or another common measure, to possibly correlate national Prescription Monitoring Program data with new national guidelines on watchful doses that are prescribed to patients across all provinces and territories and Canadian Forces Pharmacy Services.

Timeline November 2018

NEIGHBOURHOOD PHARMACY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Justin J. Bates, Chief Executive Officer

1. ISMP and Neighbourhood Pharmacies developed and distributed patient opioid handout for stores as a bag stuffer
2. Supported efforts to get Naloxone kits to pharmacies and advocating for funding (ON) along with other pharmacy stakeholders

Advocacy efforts related to Opioids:

- Changes to methadone dispensing to promote the most appropriate behaviour including shifting to Suboxone
- Promoting programs to better inform patients on the risks of opioids
- Working with stakeholders to improve the evidence base
- Promoting better treatment options for patients
- Reducing easy access to unnecessary opioids
- Enabling pharmacists to adapt opioid prescriptions
- Promoting the need for new practice guidelines
- Promoting the need for integrated and harmonized health information technologies
- Participating in the Pain Management Forum

NEW BRUNSWICK PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Paul Blanchard, Executive Director

Andrew Brilliant, President

1. We are working still with Government to implement an electronic Prescription Monitoring program. While all pharmacies are now connected, the PMP is still not complete as it is not firing messages or alerts to pharmacies. The NBPA will continue to co-chair a working group with NB Department of Health that will develop and implement an integrated pharmacy Drug Information System including a Prescription Monitoring Program.
2. The NBPA will work toward the adoption of a policy to ensure that all exempted codeine products (dispense and refusals) be recorded in the PMP/DIS. We think this is an initiative that will promote harm reduction in New Brunswick.
3. The NBPA will develop a list of pharmacies that provide naloxone kits for sale. Our Government is not funding naloxone kits to consumers.

ONTARIO PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Allan Malek, Senior Vice President, Professional Affairs

Andrew Gall, Chief Executive Officer

1. Opioid Addiction and Substitution Therapy Online Modules (24 in total):
 - These modules are acceptable for meeting the OCP required training update. Updates are required at minimum every five years.
 - Note: These modules do not satisfy initial training requirements. They are not intended to replace the CAMH Opioid Dependence Treatment course, which Designated Managers and pharmacists are required to complete in order to dispense methadone as outlined in OCP's "Methadone Maintenance Treatment and Dispensing Policy".

Category Complementary education for members and non-members
Partners Ontario Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
Timeline Ongoing
2. Take-Home Naloxone in Community Pharmacies:
 - Pre-requisite to dispense free take-home naloxone kits via the MOHLTC's Ontario Naloxone Program in Pharmacies (ONPP)

Category Complementary education for members and non-members
Partners Ontario Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
Timeline Ongoing
3. Naloxone in Pharmacies – Obligation, Opportunity and Optics
 - Provides a quick overview on naloxone's pharmacology, the societal context behind naloxone programs, pharmacy's role in naloxone programs, the importance and impact of naloxone to the business of pharmacy and to the profession as a whole

Category Practice Support (currently unaccredited, complementary education)
Timeline Ongoing
4. Downloadable naloxone posters
 - One for posting inside pharmacies and another designed for non-pharmacy establishments to create awareness (night clubs, restaurants, community centres, etc.)
 - Free for members and non-members

Category Prevention
Timeline Ongoing
5. Methadone, Buprenorphine and the Community:
 - Full-day workshop which includes an overview of addiction and treatment strategies and a review of the latest OCP policy on dispensing methadone.
 - Also focuses on destigmatizing methadone maintenance treatment and addresses the effect of methadone clinics and programs on the community.
 - A session on pain management explores situations in which patients on methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone maintenance treatment may require analgesics and what options they may have.
 - Accredited for 8.0 CEUs

Category Complementary education for members and non-members
Partners Ontario Ministry of Health & Long Term Care
Timeline Ongoing

6. (i) Methadone Toolkit:

(ii) Buprenorphine Toolkit:

- Developed by OPA for pharmacists in Ontario as a general guide to support those wishing to initiate a methadone or buprenorphine/naloxone program in their pharmacy setting.
- The resource materials provided in this toolkit are for general information purposes only and are NOT meant to be used “as is”.

Category Complementary practice support

Timeline Ongoing

7. Ontario Patch-for-Patch Legislation

- Stemmed from OPA’s participation on an Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACC) Taskforce on a voluntary fentanyl patch return program

Category Interdisciplinary collaboration

Partners OPA, OCP, OMA, CPSO, OACC, Coroner’s Office, MOHLTC

Timeline Ongoing

8. OPA MASTER Plan for Pain Management

- Currently in development
- Multi-disciplinary
- Possibility of serving as a prerequisite for a proposed MedsCheck Pain Mgmt program

Category Blended education – live and online

Partners TBD – multiple anticipated

Timeline Anticipated completion by Q4 2017

9. Inter-professional Collaboration and Patient-Centered Care in Pain Management:

- Interprofessional practice research initiative aimed at identifying facilitators and barriers of interprofessional collaboration related to pain management and patient-centered care within the community setting

Category Research

Partners Multiple TBD

Timeline End of Q4 2017 (anticipated completion pending funding)

ORDRE DES PHARMACIENS DU QUÉBEC

Patrick Boudreault, directeur des affaires externes et du soutien professionnel

1. Mobiliser les partenaires afin d'établir un plan d'action pour un usage sécuritaire des opioïdes au Québec.
2. Établir un programme de surveillance des prescriptions des opioïdes afin d'identifier les pratiques jugées à risqué.
3. Promouvoir un usage optimal des opioïdes et encourager les pratiques de prescription sécuritaires.
4. Collaborer avec les partenaires afin de mettre à jour les lignes directrices et les programmes de formation en tenant compte des meilleures pratiques dans le domaine du traitement de la douleur.

PFIZER CANADA

Geneviève Pelletier, National Manager, Pharmacy Relations

1. Continued research efforts into tanezumab and other molecules for pain-related conditions

Category Research

Timeline Ongoing

2. Make available various Pfizer non-opioid pain medicines on the Canadian market

Category Prevention

Timeline Ongoing

PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Glenda Power, Executive Director

Steve Gillingham, President

1. PANL will offer annual training for pharmacists related to the opioid crisis, as part of the continuing education program at its annual conference.

Category Education

Timeline September 2017, ongoing annual commitment

2. PANL will support the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Take Home Naloxone Kit program to increase capacity for opioid overdose response, with participation by pharmacy members in the distribution of kits for the public.

Category Addiction management

Partners Government of NL

Timeline September 2017

3. PANL supports implementation by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador of a Provincial Prescription Monitoring Program, of which a key element is the connection of pharmacies to the Provincial Pharmacy Network. As of May 12, 2017, 98% of pharmacies are connected.

Category Control and monitoring

Partners Government of NL, Newfoundland and Labrador Center for Health Information

Timeline June 2017

PHARMACISTS MANITOBA

Barret Procyshyn, Vice-President

1. Work with the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM) and the College of Pharmacy (U of M) to foster a unified approach for managing opioids for chronic non-cancer pain within the province of Manitoba.

Category Education, Prevention, Control and Monitoring

Partners College of Pharmacists of Manitoba (CPhM) and the College of Pharmacy (U of M)

2. Encourage members to become naloxone trained and member pharmacies to stock Take Home Naloxone (THN) kits so as to enable public access for high risk opioid users. Refer members to the college for registration and public listing for THN kit access

Category Control and Monitoring

3. Collaboratively develop, with stakeholder input, an ongoing clinical opioid monitoring/communication tool for assessing patient response, risks etc.. for patients with chronic pain in alignment with parameters and recommendations established by the new Canadian guidelines

Category Education, Control and Monitoring

PHARMACY ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

Allison Bodnar, Executive Director

1. PANS is actively participating on the Provincial Working Group that has been developing an Action Plan on Opioid Misuse and Overdose. There are seven subgroups (Data Collection & Monitoring, Health Promotion, Harm Reduction, Access to Naloxone, Opioid Addiction Treatment, Enhancing Opioid Prescribing and Pain Management: prescription monitoring and Justice/Law Enforcement). PANS has been actively participating in the Health Promotion, Access to Naloxone and Enhancing Opioid Prescribing and Pain Management Committees. Recommendations were made in late winter and Government is moving ahead with a provincial take home naloxone program. PANS is currently working with Government on operational details for the program.

2. In 2016, PANS provided take home naloxone kits to the majority of pharmacies so that Naloxone would be available in pharmacies throughout Nova Scotia. We provided education and training on Naloxone as well an on-line resource centre for pharmacies. We continue to provide kits to pharmacies as required and will do so until a provincial program is implemented.
3. We continue to provide up to date information to member pharmacists on this issue nationally, as well as new prescribing standards and will be providing education on this issue at our upcoming fall conference. We are currently looking at continuing education on pain management, addiction and the new prescribing guidelines.

PHARMACY ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

Paul Bazin, Incoming Chair

Julia Bareham, past-Chair

1. PAS has and will continue to ensure our pharmacists have necessary education and access to support materials related to the opioid crisis and naloxone.
2. PAS has and will continue to ensure that there are no barriers to getting naloxone kits into pharmacies for distribution, including working with our Owner’s Council to identify and manage issues.
3. PAS has worked with other stakeholders, including government and will continue to work within any provincial or national strategy to address the opioid crisis.
4. PAS will collaborate with other stakeholders to determine strategies to limit diversion (e.g. limiting stock in brand name products like Dilaudid)
5. PAS will continue to work collaboratively with the federal government, through NIHB, to ensure federally-covered patients also have access to necessary naloxone kits.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

Erin MacKenzie, Executive Director

1. The PEIPhA executive director has been asked by the province to participate in one of three task groups that will assist in developing a provincial action plan to prevent opioid-related overdose and death, “The Collaboration on Supply” task group. (The others are “Opioid Surveillance” & “Harm Reduction”).

Partners Collaboration on Supply Working Group:
Health PEI, PEI Pharmacists Assoc., PEI College of Pharmacists, College of
Physicians/Surg. Dental Association, Assoc. RNs (ARNPEI), RCMP

Timeline 2017-2018

2. The Collaboration on supply group is addressing:
 - Appropriate prescribing and dispensing
 - Reducing diversion of prescribed opioids
 - Identify instances of abuse and misuse of monitored drugs
 - Trends in legal and illegal opioids
 - Timely data reporting

3. Strategies include:
 - Initiating formal prescription monitoring program in PEI
 - Strengthen prescribing and dispensing practices
 - Reduce diversion of prescribed opioids

PURDUE PHARMA (CANADA)

Walter Robinson, Senior Director, Government and Stakeholder Affairs

1. Purdue Pharma (Canada) will continue to research and develop abuse-deterrent/tamper-resistant technologies designed to make our medicines less attractive or vulnerable to misuse and abuse while continuing to ensure they are safe and effective for patients. Furthermore, we will continue advocate for public policies that facilitate the broader adoption and use of these technologies, regardless of manufacturer, across the entire class of immediate- and controlled-release prescription opioids.

Categories Research, Prevention, Addiction Management

Timeline Ongoing

2. Purdue Pharma (Canada) will continue to ensure all of its Healthcare Professional Education modules submitted to relevant colleges/regulatory bodies reflect a guidelines approach to clinical decision-making when/where opioids are considered as part of the treatment option for chronic non-cancer pain.

Categories Education

Timeline In process given publication of new NOUGG guidelines and timetables of relevant HCP colleges.

3. Purdue Pharma (Canada) will continue to annually produce the Prescription Opioid Analgesics and Stimulants Marketed in Canada product identification pamphlet – in both official languages – which is used by law enforcement, public health officials, first responders and other stakeholders Canada.

Categories Education, Prevention, Control & Monitoring

Partners CPhA

Timeline Ongoing

SANDOZ CANADA

Angela Nguyen, Scientific Director

1. Sandoz Canada is committed to the manufacturing of high-quality, safe, and effective products which fully comply with rigorous international quality and ethical standards, regulatory requirements, and Health Canada approved uses. Patients' safety is our priority.

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) stakeholders

Timeline Ongoing

2. Sandoz Canada is committed to working in close collaboration with relevant authorities to ensure the healthy and proper use of synthetic opioid drugs, the availability of an appropriate antidote, and to support best evidence-based practices in addressing the opioid crisis.

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners FPT stakeholders

Timeline Ongoing

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PHARMACY PROFESSIONALS

Ray Joubert, Registrar

Justin Kosar, President Elect

1. Prescription Review Program.
 - a. We are a partner organization
 - b. Recent bylaws authorize an expanded role. Not implemented due to limited resources
 - c. Interested in exploring strategies to enhance PRP's effectiveness in addressing the problem
2. Pharmaceutical Information Program
 - a. Involved in pharmacy practice management system integration. 100% of pharmacies are now integrated
 - b. Dedicate resources to the PIP Data Quality Improvement Program
3. Rx Files
 - a. When opportunities arise, promote their resources to pharmacists (e.g. Fentanyl patch to patch protocol and forms)
4. Naloxone
 - a. Have authority to schedule conditions of sale from pharmacies
 - b. Can work with the Ministry on strategies to increase access
 - c. Work with the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan's lead on initiatives on availability through pharmacies

Other

- Frequently send advisories to pharmacies alerting of drug diversion (stolen prescription pads, double doctoring, forgery alerts, other crimes, recently discovery of W-18 in the province)
- Supported U of S graduate student research into the barriers and needs of pharmacists and are strategizing with the U of S on how to mobilize the research findings
- Playing a lead role on preventing prescription drug abuse is no longer a strategic goal (aligned with “First Do No Harm” and found that we could accomplish very little alone). Nevertheless under our new strategic plan, we can reconsider this decision, in particular exploring how we might leverage policies and regulatory strategies. For that purpose we are mostly interested in exploring the good and effective resources in this province, how we can make them better in a collaborative manner (e.g. medSask, RxFiles, PIP, PRP, continuing pharmacy, medical and nursing education)

SHOPPERS DRUG MART

Kelly Le Forge, Vice President, Pharmacy Operations

Paula MacNeil, Senior Director Professional Affairs and Government Relations, Atlantic

Deb Saltmarche, Senior Director, Professional Affairs

1. We will ensure Naloxone is available in all our pharmacy locations in Canada, work closely with our supplier to secure inventory for all stores, and leverage Corporate Webex’s for both National Operations and Pharmacy Operations to educate resources on importance of Naloxone to ensure the message and approach resonates throughout entire organization

Category Addiction Management

Partners Internal, Pharmacists, DC, supplier

Timeline 2017

2. We will reinforce our clear concise standard operating procedures for Narcotics and Controlled drugs with internal Certification Requirements, and closely monitor purchases

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners Internal, Pharmacists, DC

Timeline 2017

3. We will provide additional education for pharmacists on the use of, and patient education on, naloxone, and patient care in ODT

Category Education

Partners Internal, Pharmacists, Education Providers

Timeline 2017

SOBEYS NATIONAL PHARMACY GROUP

Leanne MacFarlane, Senior Director Advocacy & Preferred Providers

Randy Konrad, Director Pharmacy Operations, BC

1. Operational Directive: Each pharmacy to maintain a minimum inventory level of 2 Take Home Naloxone (THN) kits with injectable naloxone and post signage indicating that naloxone is available. All pharmacists must be familiar with provincial standards for providing THN, and ensure they have taken any steps needed to competently and confidently provide customer training (access/links to training resources have been provided/communicated)

Category Prevention (Harm Reduction)

Partners Provincial Pharmacy Associations, Regulators, Manufacturers, Distributors

Timeline Starting April 2017

2. Operational Directive: Offer patient information using the “Opioid Pain Medicines Information for Patients and Families” handout (from ISMP Canada and endorsed by Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada) as a tool to share important safety information about opioids with patients and their families.

Category Education

Partners ISMP Canada, NPAC

Timeline Starting April 2017

3. Clinical Guidance: Dissemination to our pharmacy teams of information/link to the 2017 Guidelines for Opioids for Chronic Pain as well as links to many other pharmacist resources and CE programs.

Category Education/ Control and Monitoring/ Addiction Management

Partners Pharmacy Associations, Other Health Care Practitioners and other stakeholders

Timeline Starting May 2017

TEVA CANADA

Houri Ohan, Associate Director, Government Affairs

Mary Wright, Marketing Communications Professional

1. Teva Canada will continue to promote the Teva-Fentanyl Patch Return Program, a proactive partnership between physicians, pharmacists and patients to ensure the safe return of used fentanyl patches. This program meets regulations implemented in Ontario's Bill 33 Patch For Patch Return Policy and helps support safer communities by lowering the risk of diversion. The program is available across Canada, even in jurisdictions where pharmacies are not obligated to implement a patch-return program.

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners Teva Canada, Physicians, Pharmacies, Patients, law enforcement authorities

Timeline Ongoing

2. Teva Canada will bring iApotheca's technology to Canadian pharmacies, allowing pharmacies to implement an easy-to-use, automated narcotics reconciliations and destruction system that works with existing dispensing software, helping to ensure proper stewardship of these medications.

Category Control and Monitoring

Partners Teva Canada, iApotheca Healthcare, Pharmacies

Timeline Ongoing

3. Teva will continue to distribute OxyNeo educational materials at pharmacies to teach pharmacists about the mechanisms of abuse deterrent formulations (ADFs), and to teach patients about their responsibilities in keeping their medications safe from misuse.

Category Education

Partners Teva Canada, Purdue Pharma Canada, Pharmacies, Patients

Timeline Ongoing

4. Teva Canada's Counterfeit Response Steering Team will continue to respond to notifications and requests for assistance from law enforcement authorities and other sources to help identify and respond to potential counterfeiting, diversion, tampering or theft of Teva narcotics medications. The team will also continue to communicate counterfeiting and fraud events to management (either local or global, as needed) for the appropriate reporting, support and/or response, and to customers and regulatory agencies.

Category Prevention

Partners Teva Canada, law enforcement authorities

Timeline Ongoing

