



Board Highlights



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College to propose legislative amendments that would prohibit the provision of loyalty points for prescriptions in BC

Loyalty points provided by pharmacies for prescription drugs would be prohibited under legislative amendments that the College will propose to government for consideration. If adopted, BC would be following the path of other provinces. This is similar to the Provincial PharmaCare policy that was adopted in July 2011.

50 years of registration with the College?

The Board wishes to recognize those registrants who have practiced for 50 or more years. Starting with this November's AGM, the College will recognize pharmacists who have practised in BC for 50 years with a certificate of recognition. If you have already practised for 50 years (or are coming up to 50 years!) watch for notification from the College for more information on how you can be recognized.

Committees appointed with updated terms of reference

The Board has formally appointed members and approved terms of reference for all committees and wishes to thank all those who applied. The College will be communicating with new and reappointed committee members about the new terms of reference and will be formally thanking those who volunteered and were not selected. The committees form a large part of the College's work and we encourage all registrants to think about volunteering at the next call later in the year.

College finances in good shape

After an annual review and audit, the College is happy to report that its finances are in excellent shape and that the Board and the Audit Committee both accepted the report without reservations. The audited statements will be included in the 2011-2012 Annual Report which is available on our website at www.bcpharmacists.org.

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OUR VISION

As the medication experts, registrants are professionals who apply their full knowledge, skills and abilities to achieve the best possible healthcare results through patient-centered care.

Our Mission

To protect the public by ensuring that College registrants provide safe and effective pharmacy care to help people achieve better health.

Board considers a role for pharmacists in distributing ‘naloxone kits’

A representative from the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Harm Reduction Strategies and Services Committee presented to the Board with a request to move naloxone from Schedule I (prescription only) to Schedule IV, effectively giving pharmacists the authority to prescribe it. An effective opioid antidote, naloxone has been proven to save lives when it is made more openly available. It is hoped by the BCCDC that take-home ‘naloxone kits’ containing two doses of naloxone, syringes, and other materials could be prescribed and dispensed by pharmacies to individuals at high-risk of suffering or witnessing an opioid overdose. These kits would only be dispensed to those who have undergone training from a qualified nurse and received certification to administer the drug.

While the College supports the rescheduling of naloxone as a Schedule IV drug in principle and supports the concept, much work remains to be done before this can become a reality in a community setting. It is important for the College to identify key concerns of community pharmacists, in particular, and BCCDC’s implementation plan before rolling out a program. The College will be drafting a professional practice policy for review and feedback before the November Board meeting.

Board participates in strategic planning session

As part of its commitment to fulfilling its mandate, Board members and College senior staff participated in a strategic planning exercise which identified key priorities moving forward through 2012-13. Staff will develop an operations plan with performance indicators for each priority that the Board can use to track progress over the year.