



Diagnosis and Prescribing - Regulatory Education Module

Purpose

This Regulatory Statement specifies the regulatory educational requirements approved by the Board for the purpose of section 20 of Schedule E.8 of the bylaws of the College under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (“HPOA”).

Background

Under the HPOA and its regulations, making a diagnosis and prescribing a Schedule I drug are prescribed by the Minister of Health as “restricted activities” that can only be performed by regulated health professionals in the course of providing health services.

Under the Pharmacists Regulation, pharmacists are authorized to do the following:

- diagnose certain diseases, disorders or conditions specified in the Pharmacists Regulation;
- prescribe Schedule 1 drugs for contraception or emergency contraception;
- prescribe Schedule 1 drugs to treat a disease, disorder or condition that they are authorized to diagnose.

Section 3 of Schedule E.8 of the HPOA bylaws limits the making of a diagnosis and prescribing a Schedule 1 drug to full pharmacists only. Section 20 of Schedule E.8 of the HPOA bylaws requires that a full pharmacist must not make a diagnosis or prescribe a Schedule I drug prior to completion of the regulatory educational requirements approved by the Board.

Requirements

Prior to making a diagnosis or prescribing a Schedule I drug, pharmacists must complete the following regulatory educational module and must record self-declaration of training completion in e-Services:

Module Name: Pharmacist Prescribing for Minor Ailments and Contraception (PPMAC):
Regulatory Education Module
Module Provider: College of Pharmacists of British Columbia, hosted on the University of
British Columbia’s Learning Management System

Legislation

- HPOA s. 70(2), s. 72(3)
- Regulated Health Practitioners Regulation s. 5(1), s. 10, Schedule of Restricted Activities
- Pharmacists Regulation s. 6, s. 8, s. 9, s. 10(1)
- HPOA bylaws Schedule E.8 - Practice Standards: Diagnosis and Prescribing

Additional Information

This Regulatory Statement replaces and supersedes Professional Practice Policy-70.

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