



NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PHARMACY BOARD

Policy

Licensing of Hospital Pharmacies

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Introduction

While most of the sections of the Pharmaceutical Association Act and the Pharmaceutical Association Regulations respecting the licensing and operation of pharmacies in the province were instituted with a mind to the regulation of community pharmacies, at the same time explicit provision is also made for the licensing of hospital pharmacies in the Act and Regulations.

In recognition of the significant differences in the role, mandate, and day to day procedures between the practice of pharmacy in the community setting and the hospital setting, it is appropriate that there may be differences between the requirements for the licensing of pharmacies in the community setting and the hospital setting.

Following consultation between the Secretary-Registrar and the hospital Pharmacy Directors of the province, the following policies are proposed to clarify the requirements for the licensing of hospital pharmacies, in accordance with Section 25 of the Pharmaceutical Association Act and Section 8 of the Pharmaceutical Association Regulations.

It should be clearly noted with respect to these policies that a Hospital Pharmacy Licence is issued with respect to the operation of a pharmacy in a hospital setting, and does not authorize a hospital to operate a community pharmacy. While there is no restriction on a hospital corporation's ability to operate a community pharmacy, such a community pharmacy would require a separate pharmacy business licence, and would be subject to exactly the same requirements and standards of operation as any other community pharmacy.

Designation as a Hospital Pharmacy

While a definition of a "pharmacy" can be found in section 2(n) of the Pharmaceutical Association Act, the practice of hospital pharmacy may typically involve a number of different physical locations within a particular hospital, or a number of ancillary sites or clinics under the control of a single pharmacy department. For the purposes of these policies, the specific sites required to obtain an annual hospital pharmacy licence are:

- Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre, Burin
- Carbonear General Hospital, Carbonear
- Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre, Grand Falls-Windsor
- Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre, Port-aux-Basques
- Curtis Memorial Hospital, St. Anthony
- Dr. G. B. Cross Memorial Hospital, Clarenville
- General Hospital, St. John's
- James Paton Memorial Hospital, Gander
- Janeway Child Health Centre, St. John's

Labrador Health Centre, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
Leonard A. Miller Centre, St. John's
St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, St. John's
Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital, Stephenville
Waterford Hospital, St. John's
Western Memorial Regional Hospital, Corner Brook

This list is subject to review and change by Council from time to time.

Pharmacist-in-Charge

In the case of a hospital pharmacy, the pharmacist who is Director of Pharmacy, for the hospital board or corporation that operates the hospital will be designated the Pharmacist-in-Charge of all hospital pharmacies for which he/she is responsible.

At his/her discretion, the Director of Pharmacy may designate another pharmacist to be the site manager and Pharmacist-in-Charge of a licensed hospital pharmacy for which the Pharmacy Director is responsible to the hospital board or corporation. In such a case the Association must be notified in the required manner, and a Hospital Pharmacy Licence will be issued indicating the designated Pharmacist-in-Charge.

Responsibilities of the Pharmacist-in-Charge

The responsibilities of the Pharmacist-in-Charge of a hospital pharmacy will be consistent with Section 12 of the Pharmaceutical Association Regulations.

Designated Site of Practice

The designate site of practice for a hospital pharmacist will be determined by that hospital pharmacy's management policies. However, hospital pharmacists, and the Pharmacist-in-Charge of a hospital pharmacy, shall comply with the Pharmaceutical Association Act and Pharmaceutical Association Regulations with respect to notification to the Association of the pharmacist's site of practice and any changes that occur, and for the payment of any fees required for such changes.

Hospital Pharmacy Standards

The standards of operation for a hospital pharmacy will be consistent with Section 18 of the Pharmaceutical Association Regulations. Council will adopt Standards of Practice for Hospital Pharmacies after consultation with the Directors of Pharmacy of the province's hospitals.

Fee for Annual Hospital Pharmacy Licence

The annual licence fee for a hospital pharmacy shall be the same as the annual business licence fee for a community pharmacy, as established by the Pharmaceutical Association Bylaws