

**HEALTH CANADA - HEALTH PRODUCTS AND FOOD BRANCH
BILATERAL MEETING PROGRAM**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – ITEM # 1	
ASSOCIATION: Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists	MEETING DATE: MARCH 10 TH , 2011
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Designation of Pharmacists as Practitioners under the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i> TIME REQUIRED: 15 minutes	Check one: For update X For information For direction X For decision
SECTION 1 – To be completed by organization tabling the agenda item	

AGENDA ITEM SPONSOR: Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists

PRESENTER(S)/ATTENDEES: Jason Howorko, Myrella Roy

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Following the pre-publication of the *New Classes of Practitioners Regulations* (NCPR) in Part I of the Canada Gazette on June 30, 2007, CSHP understands that the Office of Controlled Substances (OCS) has held consultations with provincial and territorial ministries of health and that a Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group has been struck to serve as a forum for further discussions on some core aspects related to the proposed NCPR, the associated *Designation Framework* and the proposed Performance Measurement and Evaluation Plan (PMEP) for the NCPR.

Since 2004 CSHP has been advocating that pharmacists be designated as practitioners authorized to prescribe controlled substances. Pharmacists now have some authority to prescribe medication in most Canadian provinces.

CSHP raised this same issue at the 2010 Health Canada-CSHP bilateral meeting. At the time CSHP was informed that the FPT Working Group on the NCPR had thus far examined a revised version of the Designation Framework and proposals related to the definitions of health practitioners, practitioner requirements and drug schedules. Since the revised NCPR proposal and Designation Framework were still outstanding, OCS was not in a position to discuss the process for the submission and evaluation of proposals for designating additional classes of practitioners under the NCPR.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

 Response - controlled substances	 S:\Advocacy\ Controlled Substance	 H:\Phm Pr\CPhA - PhmPr Status in Cdn.
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DESIRED OUTCOME:

1. To obtain an update on the revision of the regulatory proposal for the NCPR, the associated framework for designating additional classes of practitioners under the CDSA and the proposed PMEP.
2. To outline the elements and process for a submission by pharmacists to Health Canada in support of being a designated class of health professionals authorized to prescribe controlled substances.

SECTION 2 – To be completed by organization responding to the agenda item (Health Canada)

AGENDA ITEM LEAD: [insert name, title, office of person(s) responsible for this agenda item – for Health Canada, this would be the director or manager]

RESPONDENT(S)/ATTENDEES: [insert name of person(s) who will respond to the agenda item on behalf of or with the agenda item lead]

STATUS: [provide the draft response or update to facilitate preparatory and actual meeting discussions for this agenda item]