

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

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY – ITEM # 1	
ASSOCIATION: Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists	MEETING DATE: MARCH 11 TH , 2010
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Designation of Pharmacists as Practitioners under the <i>Controlled Drugs and Substances Act</i>	Check one: For update X For information For direction X For decision
TIME REQUIRED: 15 minutes	
SECTION 1 – To be completed by organization tabling the agenda item	

AGENDA ITEM SPONSOR: Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists

PRESENTER(S)/ATTENDEES: Richard Jones, 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 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 *Policy Framework for Designating Practitioners under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA) 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.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- April 27, 2004, letter to Suzanne Gay, Policy and Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Controlled Substances
- July 6, 2005, letter to the Honourable Ujjal Dosanjh, Minister of Health

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]