

**MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF COUNCIL
Alberta College of Pharmacists
Board Room
May 9, 2006**

1. Call to Order

This teleconference meeting of council was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

The registrar called the roll call and declared that a quorum of council was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

3.1 Additions to the Agenda

3.1.1 Meeting with the Minister of Health and Wellness

The registrar advised council that a delegation consisting of the president, a public member, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and the registrar would be meeting with Iris Evans at noon today and that a briefing document of the meeting outcome(s) would be circulated subsequent to the meeting.

MOTION: That the agenda be adopted with the addition of agenda #3.1.1. CARRIED

4. Regulation to the HPA – Draft 10

Council considered the following sections:

1 (n) Definition of “inducement” – Alberta Health and Wellness requested the addition of the following exemption:

“[Provision of] Medical devices or equipment that are directly related to a prescription and will facilitate drug therapy.”

An example of this exemption is glucose meters provided free or at low cost to diabetic patients.

MOTION: That council accepts the recommendation of Alberta Health and Wellness to include the exemption of medical devices or equipment that are directly related to a prescription and that will facilitate drug therapy under section 1(n) of the regulations to the *Health Professions Act*. CARRIED

22 Pharmacy technicians and 23 Pharmacy employees – the definition of dispense within the *Government Organization Act* (GOA) is very restrictive. Council agreed that technicians and other employees are not trained to interact with patients to assess the need for or the appropriateness of drug therapy, or to provide advice or support with respect to drug therapy. Therefore, it would be imprudent for ACP to recognize any jurisdiction for these groups to be delegated the authority to dispense drugs, regardless of the supervision requirements. This does not preclude these individuals from being involved in the processing of a prescription, subject to the supervision rules established in the standards of practice.

MOTION: That the reference “to dispense” be removed from the definitions of sections 22 and 23 of the regulations to the *Health Professions Act* with respect to pharmacy technicians and nonregulated pharmacy staff (*Draft 10*). CARRIED

Intent: Indirect supervision will be restricted to compounding.

Council also discussed the following sections of the regulations:

- 15(1) Authorization to use titles – “clinical pharmacist” should be a restricted title to only be used by pharmacists on the clinical register.
- 16(2)(b) Adapting a prescription: therapeutic classification – it would be better to simply use the term “drug” in this section as compared to “schedule 1 drugs and blood products”. The appropriateness of this suggestion should be considered in the context of schedule 2 and 3 drugs related to the restricted activity of prescribing in the GOA.
- 16(3) Clinical pharmacists: performing the restricted activity of prescribing – with respect to the drafting instructions for the new subsection 3.1, the word “holding” should be deleted from the root.
- 16(4) Clinical pharmacists – performing the restricted activity of administering anything by an invasive procedure.
- 18(1) Courtesy registrants.
- 21 Regulated members of another college: supervision – this section should be deleted because the wording proposed by the draftsman is too broad.

MOTION: That council approves the proposed regulations for pharmacists to the *Health Professions Act* as reflected in this draft (*Draft 10*) subject to the drafting recommendations, prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness and the Alberta College of Pharmacists subsequent to their meeting on May 4, 2006, being incorporated; and that consideration is given to the recommendations of council. CARRIED

5. Unfinished Business – Nil.

6. Adjournment

This teleconference meeting of council adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

MOTION: That this teleconference meeting of council be adjourned.