

**MINUTES**  
**Alberta College of Pharmacy**  
**Teleconference Meeting of the Council**  
**August 20, 2019**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Fayaz Rajabali called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call and confirmed the attendance of the following council members. A quorum of council was declared.

- District 1 – Peter Macek
- District 2 – Peter Eshenko
- District 3 – Fayaz Rajabali (President)
- District 4 – Stan Dyjur (Past President)
- District 5 – Brad Couldwell
- District 5 – Judi Parrott
- District A – Don Ridley
- District B – Dana Lyons (President Elect)
- Public Member – Irene Pfeiffer (Executive Member at Large)
- Public Member – Christine Maligec
- Public Member – Carmen Wyton
- Dean Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (ex-officio) – Dr. Neal Davies

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved by **Irene Pfeiffer**/Seconded by **Christine Maligec**/CARRIED

**4. Approval of Standards of Practice**

Council reviewed feedback received through consultation arising from DRAFT Standards of Practice for Pharmacists respecting the insertion or removal of instruments, devices, or fingers under s16(1)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Profession Regulation; and, a DRAFT definition for emergency. Council was provided a copy of all written feedback received, an analysis of the feedback received, and subsequent amendments to the DRAFT Standards that are proposed resulting from the consultation.

While consulted on at the same time, feedback received about amendments to the Standards for Laboratory and Point of Care Testing will be considered at the September 2019 council meeting.

Registrar Eberhart advised Council that he had already contacted Leann Wagner ADM, and addressed “process concerns” outlined in her covering letter from Alberta Health received July 9, 2019. He shared that ACP believed that time was of the essence to address these amendments due to the passing of Bill 21 “An Act to Protect Patients”.

While ACP knew that the end of the consultation period coincided with the commencement of the council meeting, he affirmed that all responses were being considered as they were received. ACP had not expected substantive response on the consultation related to Laboratory and Point of Care Testing, as this standard had previously been consulted on and approved. Proposed amendments were primarily those proposed by Chief Medical Officer of Health Deena Hinshaw. It was noted that Alberta Health was delayed in consulting to develop their response due to the provincial election.

### **DRAFT Standard respecting the insertion or removal of instruments, devices, or fingers under s16(1)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Profession Regulation**

With the advent of Bill 21, and acute awareness to sexual abuse and sexual misconduct by health professionals, Council determined that it was in the interest of the public and the profession to establish a standard that clarifies the limitations of a pharmacist's role when inserting or removing instruments, devices, or fingers beyond the anal verge or beyond the labia majora. The authority to perform this restricted activity came in effect in 2007 at inception of the Pharmacists Profession Regulation. The profession sought this authority to enable pharmacists to meet patient needs in exceptional circumstances if other authorized professionals were not available to administer drugs via these routes. As this was not observed as a “regular” role of pharmacists, only intended to be performed in exceptional circumstances, development of standards was not prioritized at that time.

Alberta Health asked about addressing consent in the standard. Consent has been addressed in this standard conjunctively with other sections of the Standards for the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians and ACP's Code of Ethics. In the future, ACP will review the need to develop a separate guidance document on consent.

Questions also arose about the format of the standard. ACP will address the formatting of the standard in conjunction with review of all of its standards.

Following are amendments to the standard arising from the consultation, and Council's discussion:

#### ***Application of Standard –***

- a) *have the informed consent of the patient, ~~if the patient is in a condition to provide consent~~;*
- b) *document the consent and describe the steps taken in sufficient detail to allow transfer of care to a physician or ~~registered~~ nurse practitioner;*
- c) *as soon as reasonably possible transfer care to a physician or ~~registered~~ nurse practitioner.*

#### **Definition of Emergency**

The term emergency applies to several standards in the Standards for the Practice of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians; however, has not been defined. To provide clarity, Council proposed a definition for emergency.

Council further considered responses received about the proposed definition of “emergency.” Generally, it was identified that the term needs to address urgent situations. Through the feedback it was suggested that morbidity and mortality be addressed through “imminent” action. This led to the following amendments to the DRAFT definition circulated for consultation:

*Emergency means a circumstance where a patient ~~immediately-urgently~~ requires a professional service that includes a restricted activity for the purposes of preventing ~~imminent~~ mortality or morbidity.*

**5. Competence Committee Appointment**

**MOTION:** that Pamela Vipond be reappointed to the Competence Committee for a second three-year term ending June 30, 2022.

Moved by **Don Ridley**/Seconded by **Christine Maligec**/CARRIED

**6. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Moved by **Irene Pfeiffer**/Seconded by **Christine Maligec**