
PAS May 2024 Newsletter

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PAS 2024 Interim Agreement Reached With Ministry of Health



The Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce that after a significant negotiation process we have reached an interim agreement with the Ministry of Health.

We want to thank all PAS members for their patience through this long process.

Special thanks go out to all members of the Economics Committee for the dedication in time and effort sent on developing numerous contract proposals and in articulating the challenges faced by pharmacists and pharmacies across Saskatchewan.

Please considering reaching out to members of the PAS Economics Committee and Board of Directors to thank them for all their work, time, and effort on PAS members 'behalf. Economics Committee Members:

- Andrew James
- Grant Hladun
- Karen Sullivan
- Kurtis Chupa
- Lindsay Mildenberger
- Stan Chow
- Warren Delmage
- Jahnaya Mann, Chair

We did not get all we asked for, but we did get significantly more fee adjustments than DPEBB had proposed just over a year ago. There are still many fees and services we will be lobbying to address in the full contract negotiations which will begin immediately.

Below is an overview of the interim agreement that has been reached. The new interim agreement is expected to start on June 1st, 2024. More details will be provided later this month.

PAS will be hosting a virtual Town Hall Meeting shortly to discuss the agreement with members. 2024 PAS/Ministry of Health Agreement

Overview

- Increase in dispensing fee from **\$11.85 to \$12.15.**
- Increase in Methadone and Suboxone® Managed Care Fee **from \$3.50 to \$7.50.**
- Increase in Injection Administration Program Fee **from \$13.00 to \$14.00** (to align with Influenza Immunization Fee).

- Expansion of Injection Administration Program to include the administration of long-acting injectable antipsychotics, testosterone, and Sublocade®.
- Increase in Minor Ailment Fee **from \$18.00 to \$25.00.**
- Level 1 Prescriptive Authority Emergency Supply will be split into 2 distinct areas:
 - A life-threatening situation (this remains status quo with current fee and DIN).
 - Added – where the interruption in drug therapy will result in serious or imminent harm to the patient's health or well-being (**new fee (DIN) - \$6/claim**).
- Added Level 1 Prescriptive Authority Enhancing Safety and Effectiveness (**new fee [DIN] - \$6/claim**).
- Level II Advanced Prescribing A - Therapeutic Substitution - **\$18.00** (**This scope is currently NOT enabled by SCPP.** Fee negotiated in anticipation of being enabled this year. Pharmacists may not exercise this scope of practice until enabled by SCPP).

The increase in dispensing fee and professional service fees are estimated to be a total \$6.2 million increase in overall revenue for Saskatchewan pharmacies.

PAS will be sending out a date for virtual Town Hall meeting in near future.

Reminder Renew Your Membership!

PAS Membership Renewal is Now Open

The PAS membership year is July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

The PAS Membership Renewal process for the 2024/2025 year has opened, **and runs until June 30th 2025.**

Renew your PAS membership today by logging into your profile and clicking "renew".

The auto renewal process has **not** been activated, so **every PAS member** needs to manually renew their membership.

The 2024/2025 PAS membership renewal period runs from May 1 to June 30, 2024.

Please contact us at info@skpharmacists.ca with any questions.

Encourage your Pharmacy Technicians Colleagues to Join PAS - Registration Now Open



The Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan (PAS) is welcoming a new membership category

Effective May 1st, 2024 Pharmacy Technicians became eligible to become members of PAS!

The inclusion of Pharmacy Technicians in PAS will help to strengthen relationships between Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians; it will help to support the growth of the Pharmacy Technician pool in Saskatchewan, expanding the abilities of all pharmacy practitioners, and it will provide Pharmacy Technicians with access to accredited educational sessions.

We encourage all PAS members to reach out to all Pharmacy Technicians that you know and urge them to consider becoming PAS members.

In 2024 membership fees for Pharmacy Technicians will be discounted to \$100. In 2025 fees will be \$150.

[Click here](#) for more information on the Pharmacy Technician benefits of joining PAS.

To register for a new PAS membership, Pharmacy Technicians should visit the PAS Membership Application page.

Survey - Staffing and Workflow Practices in Community Pharmacies



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU
ABOUT YOUR CURRENT
WORKFLOW PRACTICES**



WE WANT

YOUR

OPINION

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY JUNE 7TH TO ENTER TO WIN A \$50.00 GIFT CARD

The Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan is surveying our members who work in community pharmacies across Saskatchewan. The aim is to understand the current staffing and workflow practices of community pharmacies in the province.

This assessment will assist in supporting members to improve pharmacy workflow and implement the expanded scope of practice, including advanced pharmacist prescribing authority, in Saskatchewan.

This work will also support collaborations to address health human resource management, the development of tools and guidelines for workflow and staffing, and negotiations for the compensation of existing and expanded pharmacist and pharmacy technician scope of practice.

Your input is invaluable for us in these activities. Your responses will directly impact the work of the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan as we move forward with advancing pharmacy practice in Saskatchewan.

Aggregate results of the survey, supporting tools and education on the utilization of the survey results will be shared with respondents and members; these pieces will enable direct application of the survey results into practice.

We are offering a random draw for two \$50 gift cards for those who complete the survey; as the survey is anonymous, only those people who choose to provide their contact information at the end of the survey will be entered into the draw.

You can complete the survey at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LJV6XCJ>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steven Kary at steven.k@skpharmacists.ca

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is important to us.

Addition - Pinworms to Saskatchewan Minor Ailment Prescribing

As of May 1st, the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals has included Pinworms as an eligible condition for Level 1 Structured Prescribing authority.

Saskatchewan pharmacists may now prescribe for pinworm in patients 2 years of age or older.

Prescribing for pinworm follows the same procedure as for other minor ailments in Saskatchewan:

- Pharmacists must ensure that the patient has performed a self-assessment, and that the self-assessment is reasonable; and
- The drug being requested is indicated and appropriate for the treatment of the self-assessed condition.

Information on the infection, treatment, and general advice can be found through medSask; the treatment algorithm and pharmacist assessment record (PAR) are also available on their website (log-in via SHIRP or PIP): [Pinworm Infection \(Enterobiasis\)](#), [medSask \(shirp.ca\)](#).

For patients prescribed treatment according to the medSask guidelines, a minor ailment prescribing fee can be submitted to the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch.

- A maximum of four (4) claims can be submitted for a patient in a 365-day period.
- pseudoDIN: 00951381
- Submit as a quantity of one (1)

The pharmacy information bulletin from DPEBB can be found on our members only webpage [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding billing or compensation, please reach out to the PAS office at info.skpharmacists.ca

Reminder - Receipts for Safe Medication Disposal Pilot Project **Due May 31st, 2024!**



PAS is requesting that all pharmacies, that have participated in the Safe Medication Disposal Campaign, submit their receipts to PAS for payments that have been made to Biomed or Stericycle for medical waste box pick up. Receipts can be submitted for the months of **October 1st, 2023 through to March 31st, 2024.**

PAS will review all receipts submitted and will issue all pharmacies that participated in the pilot project with a partial payment for the medical waste box pick up.

Please email scanned copies of your paid receipts to accounting@skpharmacists.ca by May 30th, 2024. The subject line of the message should read "Safe Medication Disposal Pilot Receipts". **Any receipts received after May 30th, 2024 will not be included in the partial re-payment calculation.**

If you have any questions, please call (306) 359-7277.

Survey: Diabetes Related Services for Individuals Living in Indigenous Communities



Researchers from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and School of Public Health are interested in learning about the **experiences of pharmacists who provide diabetes-related services to individuals living in Indigenous communities.**

The study is entitled: ***Breaking Barriers: Pharmacists Advancing Diabetes Care in Indigenous Communities of Saskatchewan***. If you are interested in learning more and completing the questionnaire, please click [here](#).

All responses will remain anonymous, and those who complete the questionnaire can enter a draw for 1 of 4 \$100 gift cards.

Additionally, for those who are interested, there will be an opportunity at the end of the survey to indicate whether or not you would like to do an

interview to help provide further insight.

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As a member of PAS you are eligible to purchase a membership with GoodLife Fitness with no enrollment fees and a corporate discount of 30% off all membership types.

You can also extend this offer to two family members. To access the

discounted rate you need to hold a current PAS membership.

From **May 15 to June 30, 2024**, employees/members who sign up through the PAS corporate membership program will be eligible to win one of four **Ninja** cookware prizes valued at **\$399.00** each!

To sign up for a corporate membership through the GoodLife Corporate registration website [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for more information about the Good Life Fitness membership rate for PAS members and their family. Employee/members who have enrolled in their corporate membership program are able to add up to two family members, each at the same great corporate discount.

Webinar: Decolonizing and Indigenizing Evidence-based Medicine

Cultural Conversations

Monday, June 03, 2024 11:00 a.m. -12:00

Decolonizing and Indigenizing Evidence-based Medicine



Dr. Jaris Swidrovich is an Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, and Indigenous Engagement Lead in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto. He is a queer, Two Spirit, disabled, Saulteaux and Ukrainian pharmacist from Yellow Quill First Nation. Dr. Swidrovich is the first and only Indigenous faculty member in pharmacy in North America. His mother was a 60s Scoop Survivor, and both his grandmother and great-grandmother were residential school survivors.

He received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Saskatchewan, a postbaccalaureate Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Toronto, and a PhD in education from the University of Saskatchewan. His primary areas of research and practice include pain, HIV/AIDS, substance use disorders, 2SLGBTQ+ health, and Indigenous health.



To register for this WebEx event [click here](#) or use the QR code.
For more information contact First Nations & Métis Health
Julie.Haubrich@saskhealthauthority.ca



Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

Webinar: RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) VACCINATION A NEW PATHWAY TO PROTECT INFANTS AND OLDER ADULTS

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to attend a virtual presentation on:

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) VACCINATION

A NEW PATHWAY TO PROTECT INFANTS AND OLDER ADULTS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to:

- Examine the individual and societal burden caused by RSV infections in Canada.
- Describe the benefits of maternal vaccination to reduce RSV-related morbidity and mortality in infants.
- Recognize the lack of treatments and the unmet need of RSV vaccination in older adults.
- Recommend RSV vaccination to appropriate individuals based on indications.



SPEAKER:
Dr. Angel Chu
MD, FRCPC, SPEC, COMP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

PRESENTATION TIME

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm ET

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER
OR SCAN THE
QR CODE**



Or type this address in your web browser: <https://bit.ly/4cMqfDy>

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT:

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 416-570-4300



In compliance with the Innovative Medicines Canada Code of Ethical Practices, this invitation is extended to Healthcare Professionals only. This learning program is made possible through funding from Pfizer Canada ULC.

[Click link to register](#)

**Jackie & Jill: A Program for Pharmacists about
JAK Inhibitor use in Patients with Inflammatory
Arthritis**

EVENT INVITATION



of Health Education

Jackie & Jill: A Program for Pharmacists about JAK Inhibitor use in Patients with Inflammatory Arthritis

Learning Objectives:

- Discuss practical considerations regarding the treatment, monitoring and follow-up of patients treated with JAK Inhibitors
- Describe the role of pharmacists in providing care to patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriatic arthritis (PsA), and/or ankylosing spondylitis (AS) on JAK inhibitor therapy
- Provide tools for pharmacists to help guide patients who are prescribed targeted-synthetic therapy, including safety and efficacy considerations

Speaker(s):

- **Dr. Regan Arendse, Rheumatologist**

Date: May 23, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Cut Casual Steak & Tap, 416 21st St E, Saskatoon OR virtual zoom meeting link will be sent to interested attendees

(In Person attendance is limited)

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY EMAIL:

Name: Katherine Lepa

Email: katherine.lepa@abbvie.com

Personal information provided here is for the sole purpose of planning this meeting's attendance. No information will be shared.

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The Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy has accredited this program for 1.25 CEUs.

To Register, email katherine.lepa@abbvie.com.

**Reminder! Book your calendars for PAS 2024
Conference – September 14 & 15, 2024**



Planning for the PAS 2024 Conference is underway. Book your calendars for **September 14 and 15th at the Double Tree Hotel in Regina.**

Don't miss the informative educational sessions, fabulous keynote speakers, and amazing networking and socializing opportunities with peers. Have a look at our [speakers](#), our [conference schedule](#), our [educational sessions](#), and our [social events](#).

We have numerous sponsorship opportunities available, so feel free to share the [PAS 2024 Conference Sponsorship Package](#) with anyone who might be interested. [Click here for more information.](#)

Job Opportunities at Saskatchewan Pharmacies



There are currently part and full-time job openings for pharmacists in a variety of positions and locations in Saskatchewan across the province. Check out the current job postings [here](#).



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