Professional Memorandum

To: Pharmacists, Certified Dispensers, Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Students and Interns
From: Beverley Zwicker, Registrar
Date: January 23, 2017
Re: Practice Setting Approved by Council: IWK Health Centre Emergency Dept. / Dr. Melanie MacInnis et al.

One of the circumstances in which a pharmacist is authorized to prescribe a schedule I drug is, “in a practice setting approved by Council—such as a hospital, a home for special care or a multi-disciplinary environment—where collaborative relationships or appropriate protocols are established” (Pharmacist Drug Prescribing Regulations, s. 3 (f)).

At its most recent meeting, Council approved the first “practice setting” application:

Practice Setting: IWK Health Centre Emergency Department, within the formal Collaborative Practice Agreement between the IWK and the specified pharmacists

Pharmacists authorized to prescribe: Dr. Melanie MacInnis, Dr. Kathryn Slayer, Ms. Jennifer Turple

Effective January 23, 2017, a prescription for a schedule 1 drug(s) ordered by Dr. Melanie MacInnis, Dr. Kathryn Slayer or Ms. Jennifer Turple from this approved practice setting can be recognized by community pharmacies as a valid prescription and filled as appropriate.

Beverley Zwicker
Registrar

References (accessible on the NSCP website “Pharmacy Practice” > “Standards of Practice” > “Prescribing of Drugs”):

- Pharmacist Drug Prescribing Regulations
- Pharmacist Prescribing in Practice Settings Approved by Council Policy
- IWK Health Centre Memorandum: Pharmacy Collaborative Agreement
- Practice Settings Approved by Council FAQ (in development)