

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacists, Certified Dispensers, Pharmacy Technicians, Pharmacy Students and Interns
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: October 9, 2018
Re: Health Canada: Mandatory use of warning stickers and patient handouts with opioids

This is a reminder that Health Canada's new requirements for the mandatory use of the Health Canada Opioid Auxillary Label and the Health Canada Patient Information Sheet come into effect October 20th, 2018.

Additional information can be found at the following:

- [HC Questions and Answers: Prescription Opioids - Stickers and Handout Requirements](#)
- [HC Notice to Stakeholders - Opioid Warning Sticker and Patient Information Handout](#)

NOTE: Pharmacy professionals are reminded that these stickers and patient handouts are not intended to take the place of meaningful interactions with patients, and pharmacists should continue to tailor their discussions with patients and their caregivers to meet the specific needs of the patient.

Any comments or questions about these regulations should be directed to Health Canada.