



New Brunswick College of Pharmacists Ordre des pharmaciens du Nouveau-Brunswick

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Publication of Complaint Decision

Title of Incident Failing to maintain First Aid/CPR certification

Incident Description A complaint was filed by the Registrar of the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists (the College) against a pharmacist (the respondent) on the Direct Client Care Register for failing to maintain current First Aid/CPR certification for a period of 13 days from May 21 to June 3, 2016.

Summary of Findings

- The respondent mistakenly believed First Aid and CPR were requisite to the authorization to administer injections rather than to maintaining a pharmacist license.
- The respondent accepted responsibility for the situation when contacted by the College.
- No known harm came to any patients as a result of this lapse.
- The lapse was not associated with willful misconduct or intentional evasion of College requirements.

Analysis This lapse is nonetheless a failure to adhere to the Regulations of the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists, in particular:

PART XII - REGISTRATION

12.1 All applicants for registration must:

(f) supply:

(iii) evidence of current First Aid/CPR registration, if registering for direct client care practice. (2015)

Annual renewal

16.2 Every member (pharmacist, certified dispenser, and pharmacy technician) shall, no later than November 30 in each year:

(f) certify that he or she:

iii) for registration on a Direct Client Care register:

(B) has current First Aid/CPR registration.(2015)

As such the College considers this matter a serious infraction.



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Orders

The respondent agreed to:

- Certify in writing, to reading the Code of Ethics, the Standards of Practice (NAPRA), the Act Respecting the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists, 2014 and the Regulations of the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists
- Pay a penalty of \$500
- Pay a portion of the costs of the investigation and complaint process in the fixed amount of \$500
- Agree not to be permitted to serve as pharmacy manager or preceptor for a period of one year (June 2016 – June 2017)
- Provide written acknowledgement of wrongdoing
- This account being retained in the member's file with the College for a period of one year.
- The matter being disclosed on any requests for letters of standing during that time period
- Have an anonymous account of this complaint published on the College website for a period of two years and that it appear once in an update to the members of the College

Messages for Pharmacy Professionals

- Allowing First Aid and CPR certification to lapse essentially means the professional license has lapsed. This is a serious situation that has potential implications to emergent patient care, trust in the profession, as well as professional insurance coverage
- Certification in First Aid and CPR is mandatory for licensure irrespective of whether the Member includes administration of injections in their practice
- Members are advised to establish a system to ensure First Aid and CPR certification is renewed in a timely manner
- Infractions may impact on a member's role-modeling opportunities as manager and/or preceptor of learners

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