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## **B.C. pharmacists gather to review the profession's most pressing issues**

Pharmacists from across British Columbia are meeting to discuss a variety of hot topics this weekend in Kelowna, including; pharmacist prescribing, electronic prescriptions and electronic health records.

This year's Annual Pharmacy Conference is being held at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre in Kelowna, May 24, 25, and 26. Over 200 attendees will participate in clinical and professional sessions.

Pharmacist prescribing has been one of the most exciting recent developments in Canadian pharmacy practice. A panel discussion will give pharmacists from across the province the opportunity to weigh-in on the concept of pharmacist prescribing, and hear from a panel of experts.

The panel is made up of prominent pharmacy professionals: Marshall Moleschi, Registrar of the College of Pharmacists of B.C., David Fielding from UBC's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Karen Sullivan, the Vice President of the Pharmacists Association of Alberta, Bob Nakagawa, Deputy Minister of PharmaCare, and Dale Cooney, the Deputy Registrar of the Alberta College of Pharmacists. The discussion will take place on May 25 at 10:30 am.

Later in the day Paul Tier, Project Director of the eDrug Project, will make a presentation on the government's eDrug Project and eHealth initiative. Pharmacists will be heavily impacted by the implementation of the eDrug Project's ambitious goals, including electronic prescribing and electronic health records. The session will take place on May 25 at 3:00 pm.

In addition to these two sessions the conference will also offer clinical sessions on geriatric syndromes, natural health projects, diabetes, antibiotic usage, vaccines and clinical services.

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