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# In the news

## FNHA transitions to Plan W

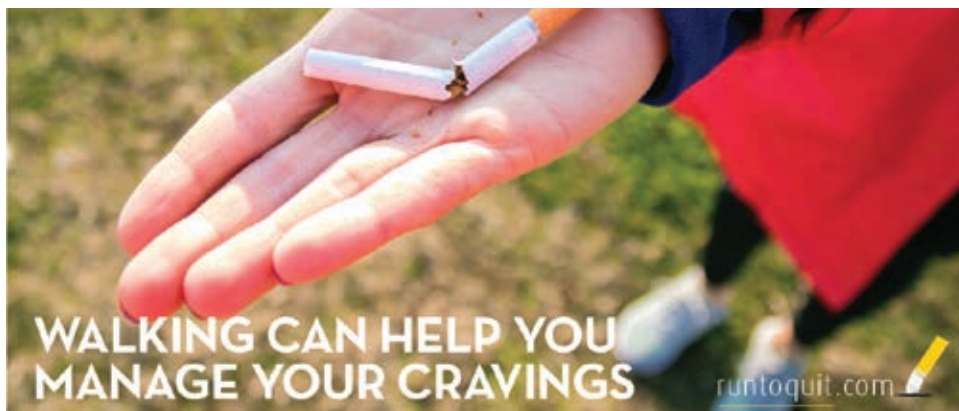



Image courtesy of First Nations Health Authority

On Oct. 1, 2017, all First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) patients became beneficiaries of the BC PharmaCare program. Medications and therapies prescribed by health-care providers to FNHA patients will be filled under a new fully paid program, called Plan W.

BCPhA has hosted two webinars and a number of training sessions for pharmacists in communities that will be most affected. BCPhA is supporting its members to ensure a smooth transition for pharmacists and continuity of care for patients. Visit [bcpharmacy.ca](http://bcpharmacy.ca) to review the webinars, read FAQs and other important information to ensure a smooth transition and to be mindful of culturally safe practices when serving FNHA patients. 

## Run to Quit helps patients form healthier habits




Pharmacists play a key role in helping patients quit smoking. The Canadian Cancer Society's Run to Quit program helps participants stay motivated to quit smoking while helping them build skills and start new habits to maintain long-term health goals. Find out more at [runtoquit.com](http://runtoquit.com) or to get involved or order materials, email Lyz Gilgunn, Health Promotion Coordinator at [lgilgunn@bc.cancer.ca](mailto:lgilgunn@bc.cancer.ca). 

## Public funding for HPV vaccination expanded

This is the first year that HPV vaccines are publicly funded in BC for both Grade 6 boys and girls. Vaccination prior to sexual contact ensures the greatest protection against HPV infection. You can order the vaccine from your local health unit for patients who qualify for the publicly funded HPV9 vaccines.

When talking to your patients, remember these key messages for parents and guardians:

- Both males and females can carry the HPV virus, transmit the virus to others and develop HPV-related cancers and other diseases.
- Early vaccination assures the greatest protection against HPV infection and has been shown to be safe and effective for both males and females.
- The HPV9 vaccines are recommended and publicly funded for Grade 6 boys and girls.

Find out more information and eligibility requirements on the BC Centre for Disease Control's website, [bccdc.ca](http://bccdc.ca). 

### Human papillomavirus (HPV) is associated with:

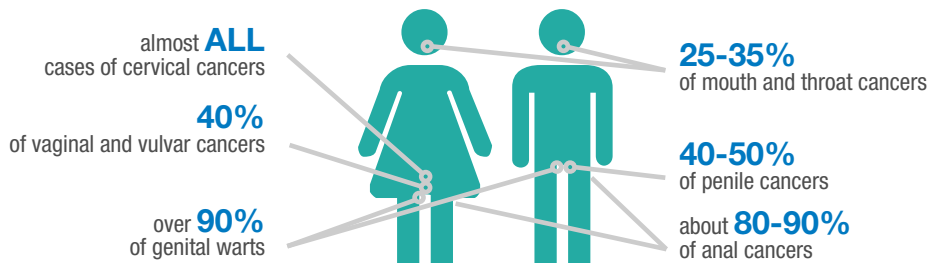


Image courtesy of Canadian Cancer Society.



# The future of pharmacy

September marks the start of the BC Pharmacy Association's fiscal year, and I am honored to be the president of the Board of Directors for 2017-2018.

I have been on the BCPhA board for four years, and we have accomplished a lot under some very strenuous conditions. Continued pressures because of government drug pricing, audits by public and private plans, as well as changes in College regulations have made for a challenging past few years, with no reprieve in sight. Nevertheless, the BCPhA persists and works hard on behalf of pharmacists and our profession. We are making a difference.

The highlight of my board tenure to date was meeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and proudly representing BC pharmacists at an opioid crisis roundtable held in Vancouver in February. This meeting yielded some valuable connections with other health-care professionals and first responders. It enhanced the pharmacist's role in helping address this crisis. Most recently, this led to the logical step of improving distribution of naloxone kits through community pharmacies.


We have also recently had a large step forward for pharmacists – a step into new territory. Through RxOme, a joint venture between BCPhA and myDNA, pharmacies and pharmacists can now offer pharmacogenomics testing, and provide professional advice to patients based on the results. I strongly encourage all pharmacists to look into this unique and expanded role for pharmacists.

What does the future bring? Certainly, pharmacogenomics is an exciting area that will continue to grow. The pharmacists' role

in the opioid crisis is likely to expand, simply out of necessity as all allied health professionals will need to step up to tackle this problem. I also hope for great collaboration with the College of Pharmacists of BC and the Minister of Health on issues that affect pharmacies, pharmacists and patients. We need to move ahead with advancing our scope of practice, as a necessary step in sustaining economic viability of our profession, and easing the pressures of rising health costs.

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As president, and as a pharmacist who dispenses and sees patients every day, I will continue to deliver the thoughts and perspectives of a day-to-day pharmacist, as I have for my past four years on the board. Whether in discussions with the College of Pharmacists, UBC's Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Ministry of Health, or internally on the board, this is the lens that I see through. I see the great work that pharmacists are able to achieve every day, and I envision what pharmacists will be able to do in the future.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to the 2017-2018 board for their hard work, and our past-president Randy Konrad, for his steadfast leadership. I look forward to working with you all this year. I want to welcome our new board members, Annette Robinson, Keith Shaw and Shawn Sangha. I am looking forward to a productive 2017-2018. 

# Pharmacists must keep going the extra mile for their patients



We are inundated with social media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, podcasts, blog posts – our days are filled with so many messages coming at us. Mostly, the sea of images and information washes over me and it is only the rare post that sticks.

A couple of months ago I read a blog exchange between some community pharmacists. On the one hand, they were advocating for the opportunity to provide more services to their patients, but at least some could see little point in doing more for the same money. “Why,” one commenter asked, “should I do more when I am paid the same hourly rate?”

This was not the first time I have heard both these positions. They seem to be in conflict with one another. And, the ‘why would I bother’ position is one that troubles me a great deal.

I trained as a journalist and went on to spend the bulk of my career in the communications business. While journalists and communicators think of themselves as professionals, they are not in the truest sense of the word. Journalists and communicators are not regulated or licensed. While codes of conduct and standards of practice certainly exist for both disciplines neither face the rigours of legislative regulation that pharmacists do.

As a communicator, much of my time was spent proving that the work I did was valuable and was just as important to an organization as that done by the professionals – lawyers, accountants etc. Communications was the business that developed the idea of reputation and how it affected public confidence and the overall value of an organization. I did all I could to gain all the available credentials to prove that I was indeed a professional.

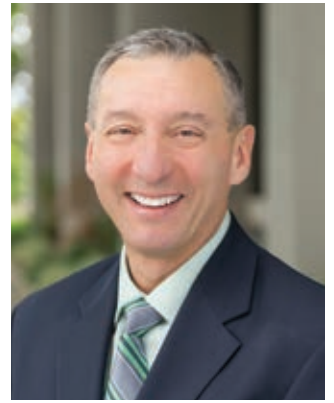
So perhaps I am more sensitive than some might be to any regulated professional having a cavalier attitude about not working to their maximum capacity to shore up the reputation of their profession. We all know that pharmacists have struggled to be recognized as the experts they are within the health-care team. They take a backseat to physicians and nurses and all too often are not even included on the list of health-care team partners.

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I can’t help but think linking patient care to how much you might be paid is a dangerous message for a profession that is working hard to prove its value and gain trust. I am not dismissing the economic challenges faced by pharmacists. The sector has had its financial underpinnings ripped away over the last five years. Drug price compression has taken millions of dollars out of the sector and there are no easy answers to how to find new revenue sources. Smarter people than me spend all their time looking at those issues.

But what I do know for sure, is that the only way pharmacists will get more opportunities to deliver patient care and work as trusted members of the health-care team is if they earn the reputation of being indispensable. Adding value through every patient interaction and through contacts with prescribers is what’s needed to make that happen. Going the extra mile is the only pathway to demonstrating professionalism and, in turn, increasing the service pharmacists are paid to deliver. 🙌

# Helping you prepare for this flu season



As we wind down summer and slide into fall, we see an increase in questions from BCPhA members related to preparing for the upcoming influenza season. The nature of the questions ranges from specific clinical questions about the vaccines that will be available in the publicly funded plan all the way through to details about the logistics of the flu vaccine supply and distribution.

Flu distribution is always a hot topic and continues to be on the minds of many pharmacists because of the difficulties some of them have had in securing access to enough supply to meet their demand in past years. The distribution of publicly funded flu vaccine for the 2017-2018 flu season will be the same as in previous years.

## Distribution of flu vaccines this season

Pharmacies will still have to make their way to the local health unit or designated depot to pick up their vaccine supply. You will not be able to access publicly funded flu vaccine from wholesalers. As much as wholesaler distribution makes sense, the reality of the situation is that nobody wants to pay for the distribution costs. The wholesalers will not do it for free, and the health authorities, BC Centre for Disease Control and Provincial Health Services Authority have all said they will not pay for the cost of distribution. Therefore, we are left with the situation of taking coolers and ice packs down to the local health unit to pick up vaccine.


There was one pharmacy chain that did agree to pay for its own distribution last year as a pilot program in the Interior Health Authority (IHA) and that chain has indicated they will do the same again this year. It was because of this pilot and some clerical errors at IHA that the chain had vaccine before other pharmacies in that region. The BCPhA has repeatedly pushed all health authorities this year to ensure that no pharmacy chain, banner or group is given an undue advantage by having access to the vaccine before others. We have firmly made the point that regardless of the route of distribution (self-distribution or pick-up through local public health units) every pharmacy in a given region should have access to the vaccine on exactly the same date.

## Fewer health authority mass vaccination clinics

One other important change to note this year is that both Fraser Health Authority (FHA) and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCHA) have indicated they will be cutting back on the many mass clinics they do especially for specific entities such as seniors' groups and community groups. They would like to see pharmacies pick up this slack in the community at large. Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) has also indicated a move in this direction. To that end, the BCPhA has assisted FHA and VCHA to find pharmacies that are geographically located nearest to the centres that will require service and who are willing and able to provide mass vaccine clinics for those centres.

As one can imagine increasing demand for vaccine to accommodate the new clinics, previously done by public health, will put a further strain on the supply chain. Once again, the BCPhA has advocated to all health authorities that they must make additional vaccine supply available to pharmacies to meet the demands that will come from these additional community group clinics. BCPhA would like to remind members that pharmacists should notify their local health units when organizing off-site, pharmacy-led influenza clinics. This coordination helps local health units manage vaccine supply issues, avoids clinic scheduling conflicts and increases the vaccination clinic times and options available to the public.

## FluMist® update

Finally, note that FluMist® is part of the publicly funded program, but pharmacies cannot claim a fee for its administration, thus health authorities will not be distributing FluMist® to pharmacies. Although there is a PharmaCare PIN for administration of FluMist® (66128074), PharmaCare does not pay an administration fee for its administration. Only vaccines administered by injection qualify for the administration fee at this time. 

*Find out more about how to promote in-pharmacy vaccinations on page 22 of this issue.*

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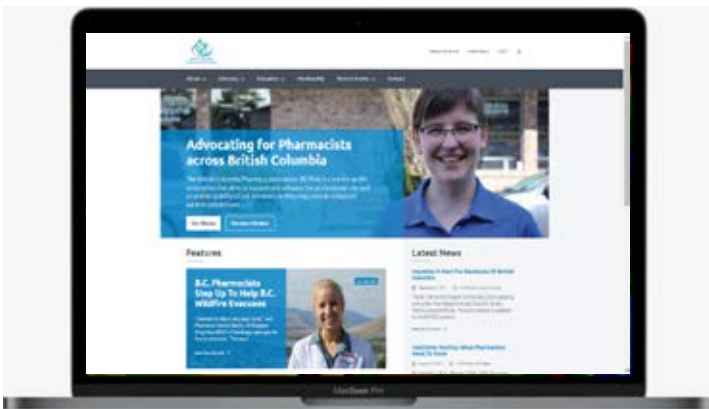


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In October, the BC Pharmacy Association is proud to introduce both our new website and eTraining portal.

While our old site was effective when it was launched back in 2011, it was time for an update. The new site is faster, easier to navigate and mobile friendly, perfect for checking on the go.

#### Some key benefits of the website include:


- **Mobile friendly.** Read the latest news, member resources and benefits, check the job postings, search the archives from the convenience of your phone.
- **Improved navigation.** Over the past six years, we introduced a number of new member benefits such as our eTraining

programs, Affinity Rx and a number of pharmacy practice tools. You've told us that sometimes it seems harder to find things on our website than you'd like. Our new navigation will make it easier to get to the sections you need.

- **Latest news and events.** The BCPhA has always been committed to keeping you up to date, now the website will make that even easier. See our latest press releases or check out our events calendar.
- **The Tablet online.** We know you enjoy *The Tablet*, and now it's easier to read online.
- **Social sharing.** The world is engaged in social and the new website lets you share articles on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, or email.
- **Single sign-on.** Sign on once and access the website, your member profile and the eTraining platform.

#### Some benefits of our new eTraining portal:

- **Improved search.** We have more than 40 courses online and the list will keep growing. The online search features will make it a bit easier to find courses you are looking for.
- **Keeping track of completions.** You can now start a course, and come back another day and pick up exactly where you left off. You can also regenerate a letter of participation for completed courses and access a full transcript of all your courses.
- **New notes feature.** No need to scribble notes on a pad of paper. The notes feature allows for note taking while taking the course and can be downloaded or emailed to you at the

click of a button. A link and time stamp will also be created with your note which links you back to the exact location in the course where you originally took the note. 

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# A new model of pharmacy

In-depth consultations for all patients and a focus on deprescribing sets BioPro Biologics Pharmacy apart.



Alan Low, Pharmacy Lead at BioPro pharmacy, welcomes customers to his new pharmacy experience.

“BioPro Pharmacy is a new concept. In my mind, it’s really what pharmacies should be doing,” says Alan Low, Pharmacy Lead at BioPro Biologics Pharmacy in Vancouver and Clinical Associate Professor at UBC’s Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Opened in February 2017, BioPro offers a tailored pharmacy experience in the busy health corridor of the Broadway and Oak Street area in Vancouver, near Vancouver General Hospital and several prominent medical towers. In fact, about 500 doctors and 12 pharmacies practice within a 300-metre range of BioPro.

## Part of a health-care team

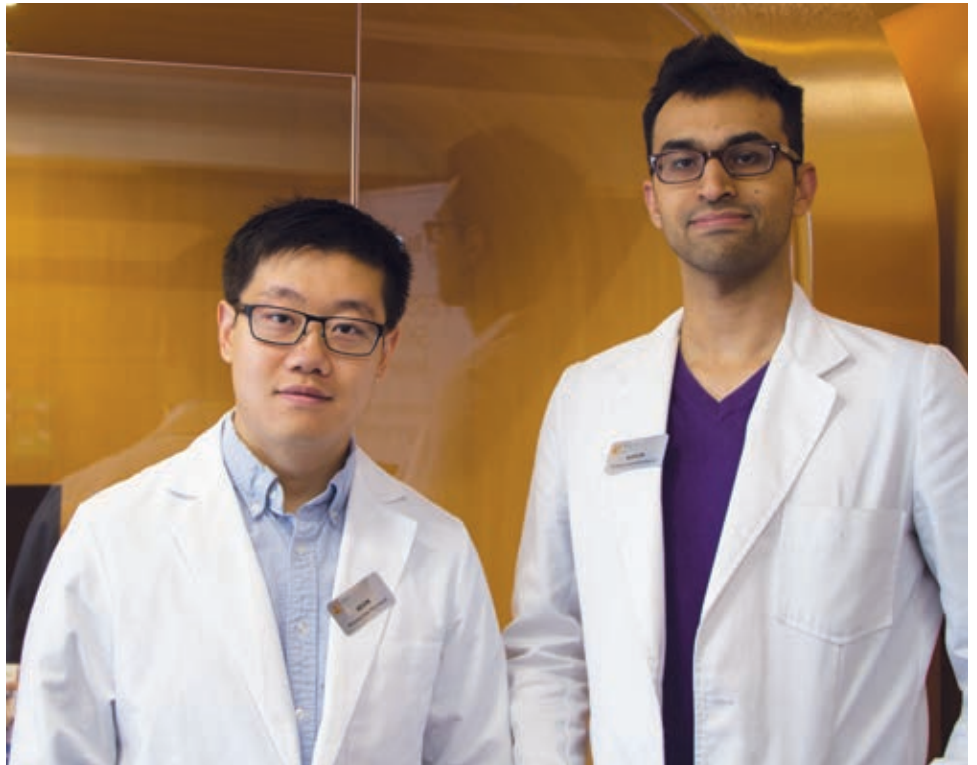
The team is conveniently located downstairs from Artus Health Centre, which includes a rheumatology clinic with nine rheumatologists and an on-site infusion clinic. BioPro often calls patients ahead of their initial specialist appointment to schedule an in-person consultation where they review all the patient’s medications and share them in a joint EMR for the patient’s rheumatologist appointment; they may also note medication issues for the specialists.

Once the prescription is filled, the pharmacists follow up, generally within five days to assess the patient’s response, monitor for effectiveness and address any concerns.

“It’s been very helpful,” says Dr. Jonathan Chan, a rheumatologist. “I thought I was curing people with my compounds. Thanks to their follow up with patients, I got some great feedback. The small adjustments they made to the patient’s medication really helped.”



Private enclosed booths for patient consultations.



Pharmacists at BioPro, Kevin Wang (left) and Aaron Sihota.


Kevin Wang, pharmacist at BioPro, appreciates being part of a patient-centred health team. “After doing a thorough review of medications with a patient, we will often go to the doctor with the patient and discuss what the best course of action is as far as prescribing,” he says.

Each patient has at least a half-hour consultation with one of the pharmacists in a polished copper and wood private consultation booth. “We want to ensure patients are well educated about their medications,” Low says. Part of this education includes hosting in-pharmacy talks on topics like vaccines and skin care.

“We may deprescribe medications or even prescribe non-conventional therapies like apps for people’s mobile phones,” adds Aaron Sihota, another pharmacist on the team. “It can lead to some great successes.” In some cases, a plan is created to taper off and remove unnecessary medications.

## Helping patients access biologics

The pharmacy also helps patients with biologics, a class of potent anti-inflammatory medication genetically engineered from proteins. These powerful drugs can be very effective in treating rheumatological conditions, but can result in harm if not carefully monitored and used appropriately.

“People can shy away from this class of medication because they can be very expensive and can also be dangerous, if not life threatening. We spend a lot of time talking to them, setting expectations, and supporting necessary treatment,” Wang says. “We also liaise with the various patient support programs and health benefit companies. We have a system to deal with the hassles of reimbursement to make sure that treatment required is affordable and accessible.” 

**myDNA**



BioPro Biologics Pharmacy focuses on private consultations and individual health care which makes it a great place to offer myDNA testing. “I expect in the next decade genetic testing will be a key part of health care,” says Low. “We’re working to inform the public and doctors that this test exists.”

# Pharmacists step up to volunteer for International Overdose Awareness Day



*With dedicated volunteers from BC Pharmacy Association and Living Positive, over 127 naloxone kits were handed out from this tent.*



*Pharmacists provided training and free kits to people at risk of witnessing an overdose.*

Three Kelowna pharmacists volunteered to spend one of the last evenings of summer helping educate and possibly slow down the opioid overdose crisis that had already taken 96 people in their community, and made Kelowna ground zero in per capita opioid overdose deaths.

To mark International Overdose Awareness Day, an event was held in Kelowna's Stewart Park on the evening of Aug. 31, 2017. BC Pharmacy Association members Amy Newport, Dawn Laurienzo and Wendy Jansen, from two Kelowna Shoppers Drug Marts, were there, handing out free naloxone kits and training people how to use them.

"It was a great opportunity to reach out to people who had lost a loved one,"


Newport says. "Lots of people are still in the situation where they could witness an overdose. We were able to provide training without judgment or stigma."

More than 200 people attended the event in the popular lakeside park. Along with volunteers from Living Positive, a local non-profit that advocates for harm reduction, the trio of pharmacists handed out kits provided by the BC Centre for Disease Control. They trained 127 people how to administer naloxone.

Pharmacists had been invited by mother Helen Jennens, who lost two sons to opioid overdoses. "Pharmacists are the last line of defense in dangerous drug prescribing," Jennens says. "They are the

ones who offered to step up and help at this event."

For pharmacist Wendy Jansen, the biggest takeaway was that the general public wants to be knowledgeable about naloxone and how to use it. "Many people, like security guards, people who work late at night and walk downtown, or friends of users, are really interested in naloxone and want to have kits on them or in their cars to help if they come upon someone in need," she says.

Jennens is already planning on holding the event next year. "I heard so many people that night say they didn't understand the depth of the crisis. I think we need to keep up the awareness." 



Pictures and names of people who died from drug overdoses were posted at the Kelowna IOAD event.

## Thank you BC pharmacists

I want to thank you [the BC Pharmacy Association] for the kits and volunteers. We handed out over 100 kits throughout the day, it was amazing. Can't thank you enough.

**Helen Jennens**

Read about the International Overdose Awareness Day event on page 12.

### We want to hear from you.


Please send your letters about this issue or about any pharmacy topic to [communications@bcpharmacy.ca](mailto:communications@bcpharmacy.ca). We may feature your letter in an upcoming issue. Please be sure to include your full name, pharmacy where you work and a phone number or email we can reach you at.

# Free take home naloxone kits coming to pharmacy



The BC Pharmacy Association (BCPhA) has been advocating for pharmacies to be added as distribution points for the free Take Home Naloxone (THN) program. The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), BC Harm Reduction Strategies and Services and Toward the Heart, have worked with the BCPhA to make community pharmacies in BC distribution points for the THN program.

There is a tremendous opportunity for pharmacy to be part of the solution in the opioid crisis, and distributing the naloxone kits is one aspect of what pharmacy can contribute. Many pharmacists are already trained on how to use these kits and those who are not trained can get up to speed with resources on the website of the College of Pharmacists of BC. Pharmacists will be expected to train each client who receives a free naloxone kit.

We have been working with chains and banner groups on registration, answering logistical questions and distribution details. It is hoped that most, if not all, pharmacies in the province will participate in this program. If you are an independent pharmacy with no banner affiliation you can contact Derek Desrosiers at [derek.desrosiers@bcpharmacy.ca](mailto:derek.desrosiers@bcpharmacy.ca) and he can arrange for your participation. Please watch [bcpharmacy.ca](http://bcpharmacy.ca) and your Practice Update for more information. 



# Cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome

*By Raymond Li, BSc(Pharm), MSc.*

*Reviewed by C. Laird Birmingham, MD, MHS, FRCP(C)*

Cannabis is an antiemetic – but paradoxically, chronic use can cause intermittent debilitating vomiting known as cannabis (or cannabinoid) hyperemesis syndrome (CHS). Since the legalization of cannabis in several states in the U.S., hospital visits for persistent or cyclic vomiting have increased. With cannabis use in Canada increasing, pharmacists should be aware of CHS in order to help patients and other health-care professionals avoid delay in diagnosis and effective treatment.

## What is cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (CHS)?

Cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome (CHS) is similar to cyclic vomiting syndrome. The association of CHS with chronic cannabis use was first reported in 2004, although the authors had noticed cases of hyperemesis with cannabis use for years. CHS typically occurs in younger patients who began using cannabis at an early age. It manifests after one to five years (though the range can be between four months to 27 years) of daily or at least weekly use. Between episodes, patients with CHS may be relatively symptom-free or experience morning nausea and occasional vomiting, anorexia and abdominal pain lasting for weeks to months. Then severe vomiting and retching begin suddenly.

Hot showers or baths provide temporary relief. A history of compulsive bathing or showering suggests the diagnosis of CHS. Vomiting may last hours to days (typically 48 hours) and then stops.

Complications include acute dehydration, renal failure, erosive esophagitis, weight loss, and scalding from hot showers. Patients may also experience social distress, impaired job performance and absenteeism. CHS may go undiagnosed for years, resulting in repeated hospital and physician visits, fruitless investigations and ineffective treatment.

## Pathophysiology

The pathophysiology is poorly understood and many chronic cannabis users do not develop it, although CHS is likely under-reported. CHS may result from an imbalance of the antiemetic effects of cannabinoids on the central nervous system and the pro-emetic effects on the digestive tract, cannabinoid receptor down-regulation, individual patient factors such as genetic polymorphisms, differing chemical composition of cannabis strains, or toxins and pesticides in cannabis from the growing and harvesting process.

Whether the causation of CHS relates to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabidiol (CBD) is uncertain. Most published cases involve smoking natural cannabis, but there are several cases of CHS caused by synthetic cannabinoids. Anecdotally, cannabis concentrates (e.g. dabs and shatter) may also cause CHS.

## Treatment

Patients may need supportive care including rehydration to correct fluid and electrolyte imbalance, and analgesics with the caution that opioid analgesics may worsen nausea and vomiting. Almost all patients in published case reports report temporary relief with hot showers or baths, but this may not be practical.

There are no randomized controlled trials of pharmacologic treatments for vomiting in CHS. A recent systematic review found that in case reports and case series, antiemetics including diphenhydramine, phenothiazines, metoclopramide, and ondansetron are usually ineffective. However, there is limited evidence of benefit from intravenous benzodiazepines, intravenous haloperidol, and topical capsaicin. In case reports, a single intravenous dose of haloperidol of one to five mg improved vomiting within one to two hours when other treatments have


failed, and a controlled trial comparing intravenous haloperidol to ondansetron is underway. A single topical capsaicin application (usually 0.075%) to the abdomen, back or chest may provide relief; in one series relief was achieved within 45 minutes. Lower strength capsaicin (0.025%) has also been reported.

Abstaining from cannabis leads to sustained resolution of CHS in almost all patients, while resuming regular cannabis use results in return of hyperemesis within weeks to months. Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) have been reported to reduce and possibly prevent symptoms in patients with cyclical vomiting who were also chronic cannabis users, but it is unclear whether this is a direct effect, or due to a reduction in cannabis use due to TCAs. Oral haloperidol (5 mg/d) for three weeks was reported to abolish CHS within one day but the long-term effectiveness is unknown.

### The pharmacist's role

The differential diagnoses of severe nausea and vomiting is long and patients may need to see their family doctor or even go to emergency for treatment of severe dehydration or prolonged vomiting. However, the diagnosis of CHS is likely for patients with repeated intermittent hyperemesis, a history of chronic cannabis use and relief of their symptoms with hot baths or showers.

The pharmacist should alert other health-care professionals involved in the patient's care if they suspect CHS.

Treatment should include rehydration, warming and reducing or stopping cannabis use. Haloperidol or topical capsaicin may be considered for acute treatment. 

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# Wildfire Evacuation 2017: Bringing out the best in BC's pharmacists



Pharmacist Pam Pasicnyk holds up the sign they used to let patients know where they could come find a pharmacist at the evacuation centre.

Pharmacists across the province took notice when a provincewide state of emergency was declared July 8, 2017. As key health-care providers, they knew that the people being evacuated would need a pharmacist's expertise. Many patients turned up in Kamloops after being evacuated from Clinton and surrounding areas.

Kamloops pharmacist and BCPhA board member, Julie Ford, knew she could help. "I was in Williams Lake in 2010 when the Cariboo was evacuated and remember how anxious and upset people were about missing their medication. I knew that this time I could coordinate a group of Kamloops pharmacists to help these people out."

On July 9, pharmacists began arriving at the evacuation centre at Thompson Rivers University. One of the first volunteers on the scene was Marcie Decker, a recent UBC grad working at Shoppers Drug Mart #0261 in Kamloops.

Decker welcomed evacuees, answered questions and helped patients get emergency fills of prescriptions. "Anxiety was running high," Decker says of the patients coming in. "We were counselling them on what they should be doing."

Many of the evacuees left home without their medications, or they were running out of medications and didn't know how to





*Marcie Decker, a pharmacist in Kamloops, was one of the first volunteers on the scene after 19 wildfires combined to create the largest wildfire on record and over 10,000 people were evacuated.*

get a refill. Still others needed glucose strips or inhalers to deal with the smoke.

One woman told Decker that her cancer medication was being shipped to her home, and wasn't sure how she was going to get it. "How awful. She was worried about getting her cancer medications while her house was burning down," says Decker.

#### **Using emergency powers**

After consulting members, the College of Pharmacists of BC, the Ministry of Health, and private payers about the wildfire, the BC Pharmacy Association issued a reminder of two important College policies: *Professional Practice Policy-31: Emergency Refill Prescriptions* and *Professional Practice Policy-25: Pharmacy Disaster Preparedness*. These allow pharmacists to use their professional judgment and education to provide an emergency prescription

refill to ensure continuity of patient care until the prescriber can be contacted for authorization.

"It's a shame sending people to the emergency room when pharmacists can be part of the solution," says Chris Cameron, Pharmacy Manager with Pratt's Pharmacy in Kamloops.

"We already have a shortage of primary care physicians in Kamloops," adds Ford, "We really wanted to avoid creating a burden on medical clinics in the area."

#### **From bad to worse**

On July 15, winds picked up and Williams Lake was evacuated. Now 10,000 people were on the move and the volunteer pharmacists in Kamloops were getting very busy.

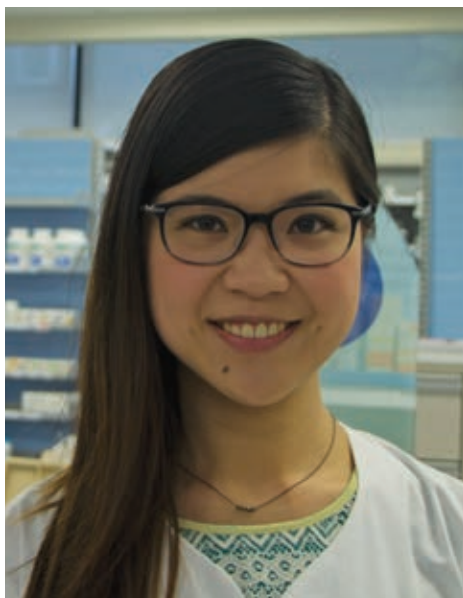
Ford notes that when Williams Lake was evacuated evacuees started coming

through the night. The volunteers set up a table, put up a sign, and started helping patients.

The emergency services volunteers would check in the lines to see if evacuees needed help and then escort them to the makeshift pharmacy. Pharmacist volunteers helped patients with a variety of needs including diabetes, heart medication and methadone.

For patients who didn't have the means to leave the evacuation centre, the pharmacy now had a fridge to store medications and some over-the-counter medications. Once the team identified a patient's needs, the patient was directed to a pharmacy that was most helpful or arranged to bring their medications back to the team evacuation centre.

Everyone in town stepped up to help. The pharmacy team organized an email distribution list to schedule volunteers



*"It was a way for us to help," said Agnes Wu, from Shoppers Drug Mart #2161 in Tsawwassen, who helped ship prescriptions up to stranded Chilcotin patients.*

for four- to eight-hour shifts. Back at their stores, colleagues changed shifts to make sure the evacuation centre had pharmacist coverage. Pharmacies donated supplies such as first aid materials, OTCs, EpiPens, glucometers, needle and sharps containers and wound dressings.

The volume and pace was intense. The volunteer pharmacists had never done this before. Of her time at the centre, Ford says, "I have never seen such a large group of people look so devastated and desperate. People were in shock. They didn't know when they could return home, or what they would return to."

#### Help from around the province

The closure of Highway 20 in the Chilcotin region, an important connector between remote communities and Williams Lake, meant many people were unable to get their prescriptions. Patrice Gordon, a nurse practitioner in the Chilcotin, needed help from pharmacists, and people from across the province stepped up.

With the roads cut off, Gordon connected with the new Shoppers Drug Mart at



*Julie Ford, Kamloops pharmacist, worked with local emergency officials to organize pharmacist volunteers.*

Tsawwassen Mills Outlet Mall and began working with Agnes Wu and Chris Ng who prepared medications for up to 40 patients at a time and got everything ready for shipment – with Wu hand-delivering the medications to Vancouver's South Terminal airport at 6 a.m. to be picked up by Pacific Coastal for a flight to Anahim Lake.

"It was incredibly complex," Gordon says. "It went beautifully with no screw-ups. Agnes and her team were phenomenal."

"We hear so much about the wildfires and there isn't a chance to help out. It was great to be able to do something to help make a difference," Wu says.

Gordon and Dr. Robert Coetzee relied on other BC pharmacies to make sure their patients got the medication they needed. Gordon adds, "In addition to Tsawwassen, we got shipments from Bella Coola and Kamloops when the roads were open. Cathie Hamm, from Kornak & Hamm's Pharmacy, in Williams Lake, had permission to go in and get going 10 days before people were allowed back as part of essential services. She worked ridiculous long hours and was simply amazing."

#### Lessons learned

"I wanted to help in any way I could. The one way I could help them was to make sure they got their medications. It's nice that we can help out this way, there is a need for us," Decker says.

Pam Pasicnyk, a Sobeys regional manager who lives in the Lower Mainland, drove up on weekends to volunteer. "People were traumatized. They need us. Everybody needs to know there's a place of comfort during an emergency," she says.

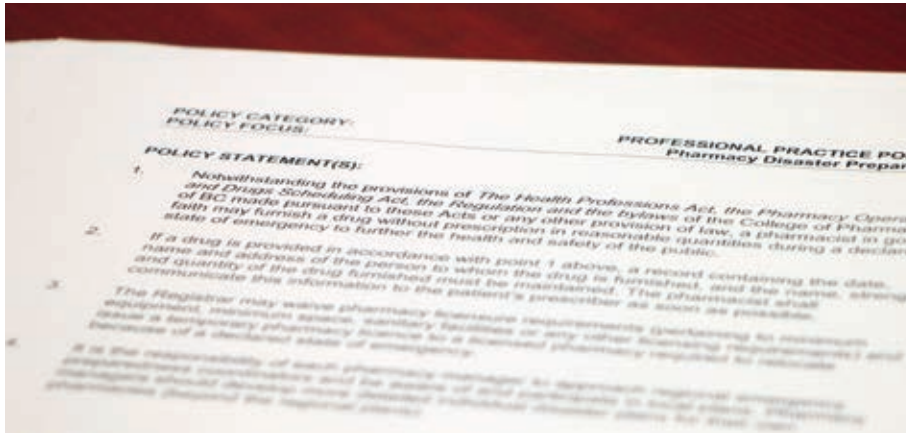
During the crisis, pharmacies and pharmacists in the area stepped up to see what they could offer. Patients benefited from the volunteered time and the donations of goods and medicines. Ford says, "The patients themselves were so appreciative and relieved. I'm so proud of the pharmacists."

This won't be the last time BC pharmacists will be asked to step up in an emergency situation. Julie Ford has some suggestions on what would make a difference to providing better patient care next time.

1) Pharmacists weren't considered an essential service. Emergency services needs to know it can reach out to pharmacists.

2) Pharmacists should be able to prescribe for minor ailments and in this case, pharmacists could have relieved the strain on area hospitals and health clinics prescribing inhalers for the smoke.

3) Pharmacists should have the ability to access PharmaNet remotely under emergency situations. Volunteer pharmacists spent a lot of time phoning other pharmacies and triaging patients. It would have been more efficient if pharmacists had immediate access to PharmaNet to determine which medications the patients needed. 🌐



## Getting ready for any emergency

Pharmacies are an integral part of BC's health-care system - and being ready for anything means preparing for emergencies. In fact, *Professional Practice Policy-25: Pharmacy Disaster Preparedness*, says each pharmacy manager should approach regional emergency preparedness coordinators and be aware of and participate in local plans as well as develop individual disaster plans for their own pharmacies.

### What should you do to get ready?

- Know the risks. Visit [gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC](http://gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC) to find out what hazards exist in your area and what you need to do to prepare.
- Take a look around your pharmacy. If there was an emergency now, are you ready? Try to identify anything that could fall and hurt someone in an earthquake. Look at the floor and make sure no critical files are at floor level in case of flood. Make sure your off-site back-ups are working for your computer system.
- Review your emergency plan. Is it up to date? Does everyone know where it is kept and what it says?
- Make sure everyone has the contact numbers they need. In an emergency, one key contact might not be reachable so make sure your team knows how to contact you, your banner and each other.
- Discuss your plan. If you are a corporate store, make sure you share an understanding of what you should do at the local level if an emergency occurs. Talk to your staff and make sure they know what to do, where to go and who to contact.
- Contact your regional coordinator to discuss how your pharmacy can fit into their emergency planning.

Chances are you won't face an emergency situation, but being ready for anything is a great policy. 🚒

For more information on emergency planning for small business visit [gov.bc.ca/preparedbc](http://gov.bc.ca/preparedbc).

### Kamloops evacuation centre volunteers

While many pharmacists and pharmacies in Kamloops helped out, the following pharmacists were frontline volunteers at Kamloops Emergency Evacuation Centres.

**Chris Cameron**

– Pratt's Pharmacy, Kamloops

**Dave Corea**

– London Drugs #35, Kamloops

**Haley Decker**

– Pharmachoice Food and Drug #9062, Chase

**Marcie Decker**

– Shoppers Drug Mart #0261

**Kleo Dimopoulos**

– Kleo's Pharmacy Remedy'sRx, Valleyview

**Julie Ford**

– Glover's Medicine Centre, Kamloops

**Kristina Gifford**

– Kipp-Mallery Pharmacy, Kamloops

**Michelle Hennig**

– Kleo's Pharmacy Remedy'sRx, Kamloops

**Mike Huitema**

– Shoppers Drug Mart #0277, Sahali

**Jeff Lawrence**

– Safeway Pharmacy #4933, Sahali

**Mike Loukianoff**

– Safeway Pharmacy #4916, Fortune

**Teresa Loukianoff**

– Safeway Pharmacy #4933, Sahali

**Gill Montgomery**

– Pharmasave #129, 100 Mile House

**Jim Motokado**

– Shoppers Drug Mart #0261, Valleyview

**Sheena Motokado**

– Pratt's Pharmacy, Kamloops, Kamloops

**Chris Nanson**

– Shoppers Drug Mart #0277, Sahali

**Pam Pasicnyk**

– Safeway (Sobeys), Vancouver

**Rizza Pimienta**

– Save-On-Foods Pharmacy #929, Vancouver

**Cory Proctor**

– Columbia Street Pharmacy, Kamloops

**Kyla Weeres**

– Pratt's Pharmacy, Kamloops

### Regulated Technologist

**Bri Reed-Groody**

– Pratt's Pharmacy, Kamloops

# Excited about the future of community pharmacy in BC



*BC Pharmacy Student Ambassador Jerry Mejia is grateful for the opportunities and mentoring he's had over his past four years as a pharmacy student.*

Jerry Mejia didn't plan to become a pharmacist, but he's glad he found a way to combine his love of working with people with his passion for science. Jerry is in his fourth year at UBC, and is currently doing his last community rotation at Loblaw Pharmacy in Richmond. He has been actively involved with student affairs and currently serves as VP Professional Affairs on the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI)'s national council. He is also a BCPhA Student Ambassador and was a winner of the Apotex Inc. Future British Columbia Leader Award earlier this year.

## How did you decide to go into pharmacy?

To be honest, I didn't initially consider pharmacy as a career choice. Like so many other science students I came to UBC

and wanted to go to med school. But as I went through my undergraduate courses and after shadowing physicians, I realized that medicine wasn't a good fit for me.

Luckily, a few of my friends were in the program and they encouraged me to consider it. I learned that it combines patient interaction and health science quite well. I applied. In 2014 I was accepted and have loved the profession since then.

## What have you learned so far during your fourth-year rotation?

My third-year rotation preceptor taught me that the transition from being and thinking like a student to being a pharmacist is probably one of the most challenging obstacles I'll have to face once I graduate. In my final rotation, I'm trying to learn as much as possible to better prepare myself for this by shadowing my current preceptor, staff pharmacists and trying my hand at helping manage workflow as much as possible.

I'm also taking this time to further put my therapeutic knowledge in practice and develop my own approach to patient care. It really is a time where what we learn in school is coming together with the realities in the community.

## What advice do you have for students just starting in pharmacy at UBC?

Take every opportunity to get involved with the profession. The program is intense, but pharmacy isn't just about academics. It's also about the experiences you have outside school and the people you meet.

As a student, sometimes it's easy to feel you don't belong at an event or that your presence is insignificant. But being a student is actually an advantage. You can ask a lot of questions and pharmacists are amazing professionals willing to share their stories and experiences. You'll get a lot of great advice. Get

out there and take advantage of the next four years to attend networking and professional development events.

Lots of people are willing to support you. I owe what I do today to what other people have done for me. I think it's important to be grateful for the opportunities you are given and make sure to pass it on – to give other pharmacists the opportunities and support you've received.

**Where do you see yourself after graduation?**

Next year, I'll have graduated and I'd love to become a community pharmacist. I love coming out from behind the counter and helping customers. I also really like the idea of forming a long-term relationship with my patients.

But first, I think I'd like to be a floater and experience BC. I moved to Vancouver from Edmonton and have only really experienced

the Lower Mainland. I did a placement in Kelowna, but most of my rotations have been around Vancouver. I'd love to see different communities and learn what pharmacy practice is like in these areas.

Eventually, I'd like to bring these lessons back with me and practice in the Lower Mainland and perhaps take on a leadership role. I've been involved with many leadership opportunities as a student and I'd love to apply these experiences in my practice.

**What changes do you expect to see in pharmacy during your career?**

I really expect us to continue to further establish our role as key players in our patients' drug therapy. I want us to become more involved with the issues surrounding our profession and take active roles in advocating for our own profession. It would also be exciting to see an increase in inter-professional team-based approach to primary care, especially in community settings. 🌐



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# How to promote flu immunizations at your pharmacy



Invite local politicians to get a flu shot at your clinic. Last year, MLA Shane Simpson dropped in for his flu shot with Anoop Khurana.

Across North America, British Columbia and in your hometown, the flu is getting ready to cause trouble. Missed days of work will increase, hospital admissions for flu-related symptoms will also go up. Fever, coughs and sore throats, aches and pains, and the feeling that you should constantly use hand sanitizer will be on the rise. Influenza isn't just discomfort, it causes about 12,000 hospitalizations and 3,500 deaths in Canada each year.

The best way for your patients to avoid the flu is to get vaccinated.

Luckily, 95 per cent of pharmacies in BC have pharmacists who are qualified to give flu shots. In 2016-2017, BC pharmacists immunized over 550,000 people. That's an increase of 27 per cent over the previous year!


Such levels were achievable thanks, in part, to pharmacists' hard work earning their certifications for drug administration by injection and intranasal route, informing their patients that they offer flu shots and working through busy flu clinics.

Flu vaccines for 2017-2018 are on their way to local health authorities and you may have already made plans to support handling flu vaccination patients as well as promoting flu shots at your pharmacy.

## How else can you support in-pharmacy flu immunizations?

- Make sure your flu clinic locator information is up-to-date with the BCCDC. Add your hours, age restrictions and dates so patients

and health units can see if you are providing flu shots. Last year's information will not be posted unless you confirm your info at [www.immunizebc.ca/user](http://www.immunizebc.ca/user).

- Keep up-to-date on the latest information about distribution and PINs on [bcpharmacy.ca](http://bcpharmacy.ca) or at [immunizebc.ca](http://immunizebc.ca).
- Post your posters, hang your shelf-talkers and hand out your bag stuffers. You can download more posters from [immunizebc.ca/get-vaccinated/print-resources](http://immunizebc.ca/get-vaccinated/print-resources) if you've run out. Ask community partners and locations if you can post a poster in your local community centre, coffee shop or City Hall.
- Have a conversation about flu shots with each customer. Make sure they know they can get their shot at your pharmacy today, and be covered if they meet the same criteria as they would at their doctor's office or health unit clinic.
- Visit our updated website and find out the latest news on the immunization campaign.
- Email [communications@bcpharmacy.ca](mailto:communications@bcpharmacy.ca) and see about setting up some media coverage for flu immunization in your community. 

*We want to hear from you. What are your best tips for promoting vaccinations to patients? Email your answer to [communications@bcpharmacy.ca](mailto:communications@bcpharmacy.ca). All answers may be used in a future issue and our favourite tip will win a prize.*

# Proposed College bylaws require more of pharmacy owners



## What you need to know about changes

- Changes come into effect on March 1, 2018
- Applies to all pharmacy owners, both direct and indirect
- If one of the owners does not pass criminal record check, the College's Application Committee will decide whether to grant licence.

On Sept. 20, the BC Pharmacy Association made a detailed submission on the proposed College of Pharmacists of BC bylaws.

Bill 6, passed by the BC government in 2016, requires the College create new bylaws to support the new legislation. These bylaws deal with direct and indirect ownership of pharmacies.

The College would collect information on all pharmacy owners, all officers, directors and shareholders of the pharmacy and of its parent corporation, and the pharmacy manager to determine whether the pharmacy owner is eligible to hold a pharmacy licence.

The law also specifies new and specific criteria for eligibility and a new application process. The criteria include each individual's history of licensing, information and billing contraventions and professional

discipline, certain types of civil judgments, and a criminal record history.


The biggest change, which goes into effect Mar. 1, 2018, is that the owner will not be eligible for a pharmacy licence if any one of the individuals fails to meet the eligibility criteria. It will then be up to the College's Application Committee to decide if the circumstances are not relevant to the operation of the pharmacy and grant a licence with or without conditions.

The BCPhA's submission recommended changes that would enhance the clarity, transparency and fairness of the bylaw and the processes followed by the College when the new pharmacy ownership requirements are rolled out. We urged the College to amend the bylaw to add some new definitions, to codify their practice of issuing licenses with effective dates when there is a change of manager and

to clarify that certain duties of direct and indirect owners are supervisory rather than personal.

On two areas that will impact the fairness of the process we strongly advocated for amendments. A bylaw is necessary to ensure that a pharmacy may continue to operate if a direct owner becomes ineligible under the new proposed rules. This is absent from the current proposed bylaw. Failure to make that amendment will result in substantial unfairness and inconsistency within the structure of the bylaw itself.

We also reminded the College that fundamental principles of procedural fairness require the Application Committee to give licence applicants written reasons for its licensing decisions.

To see our submission to the College, visit the Members Only section of the updated [bcpharmacy.ca](http://bcpharmacy.ca). 

# Helping seniors remain independent with high dose influenza vaccines



*Submitted by Ajit Johal RPh, B.Sc. (Pharm), BCPP, CTH, CDE, Clinical Services Coordinator, Wilson Pharmacy; CEO, Next Level Medication Management*

An increasing number of seniors are visiting their community pharmacies. Individuals over 65 make up between 15 per cent and 23 per cent of the population of BC's Lower Mainland and the number of seniors over 80 continues to rise.

Far from being frail, Canadian seniors are often healthy, active and independent. A recent survey by the Public Health Agency of Canada reports that 23 per cent of seniors aged 75 and older received help with domestic housework – about the same proportion as younger adults aged 25 to 54.

## **Influenza's threat to independence**


As healthy as today's seniors are, influenza remains a serious public health concern for this age group. Seniors account for 70 per cent of influenza-related hospitalizations and 90 per cent of influenza-related death.

Though many seniors remain more active, their immune systems weaken over time, which can affect their body's ability to have a good response to the influenza vaccine.

In addition, 74 per cent of Canadian seniors report having at least one chronic medical condition; influenza can aggravate existing illnesses and increase the risk of mortality. A cardiovascular comorbidity increases the risk of death by five times and a respiratory comorbidity by 12 times. Seniors with both cardiovascular and respiratory comorbidities have a 20 times mortality risk increase.

Getting an annual flu shot is a good first step for anyone hoping to avoid the flu. Seniors may also choose to use high-dose trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (HD TIV), also known as Fluzone® High Dose, which has four times the antigen of a standard dose influenza vaccine (60 µg vs 15 µg per dose).

A higher dose of the antigen in the vaccine has been shown to give seniors a more robust immune response, leading to better protection against the flu. HD TIV has demonstrated to be more effective (24.2 per cent) than standard dosing vaccine.

Following are the stories of three seniors that would benefit from HD TIV; are any in your practice? 

## **Patient Profile**

**Ethel:** The LTC Resident

**Age:** 73

**Pre-existing medical conditions:**

Type 2 diabetes, hypertension

**Medications:** Metformin 500 mg (twice daily), Ramipril 5mg (once daily)

**Favourite activities:** Star karaoke performer at the Royal Pinnacle Retirement Centre

Ethel has chronic cardiovascular comorbidities, including hypertension and diabetes, which puts her at a five times greater risk of influenza-attributed death. Her age and comorbid vascular disease increases the level of inflammation in her body, leading to a higher risk for a thrombolytic event. A bout of influenza could lead to heart attack and/or stroke.

Long-term care residents, like Ethel, have higher event rates, like hospitalization, from influenza than the general population. In a 2012-2013 study at 39 American nursing facilities, 30 per cent fewer people were hospitalized in groups that received HD TIV, specifically Fluzone®.



### Patient Profile

**George:** The ambulatory patient

**About George:** 74 years old, lives at home, ambulatory, enjoys his monthly visit to the pharmacy

**Pre-existing medical condition:** COPD

**Medications:** Tiotropium Bromide 18 µg (once daily), Salbutamol 100 mcg 1-2 puffs QID prn for shortness of breath

George has a chronic respiratory comorbidity, which puts him at a 12 times greater risk of influenza-attributed death. Influenza has a direct effect on the respiratory system, having the ability to cause exacerbations of COPD and secondary pneumonia infection.

In an American study of Medicare beneficiaries 65 years or older who were immunized at community pharmacies and concluded that HD TIV was 22 per cent more effective in preventing inpatient hospital admissions or emergency department visits.

### Patient Profile

**Bernice:** The travelling senior

**About Bernice:** 66 years old, active, frequent cruise traveller

**Pre-existing medical condition:** None

**Medications:** (Daily) Vitamin for women 50+, Vitamin D 1,000 IU

Bernice has no comorbidities, however is still vulnerable to the flu thanks to natural aging. An influenza infection for Bernice could result in severe symptoms and a longer recovery time. Travel medicine guidelines from Shoreland and Travax recommend that elderly travellers may want to consider a high-dose influenza vaccine.

Today's seniors value their health and independence, despite a probable natural accumulation of chronic illnesses. Take time to educate your senior patients about the importance of influenza vaccination and the new option available.

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## The HPV vaccine helps protect your child against many types of cancers.

New this year: HPV vaccine is now offered to all grade six children in British Columbia as part of the regular school-based immunization program.

1. HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted infections in the world, 75% of Canadians will contract HPV at some point in their lives.\*\*
2. The vaccine is safe and effective in preventing cancer-causing HPV related cancers in both males and females.
3. For best protection, the vaccine is given in grade 6 when it is unlikely your child has been exposed to the virus. Children also have a better immune response around this age.

### Protect your kids from HPV cancers

\*Oral and oropharyngeal cancers \*\*Sexual intercourse is not necessary to get infected with HPV.  
Information provided by Canadian Cancer Society

# CAREER LISTINGS

## ARE YOU MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS?

Pharmacy members can place free career opportunities listings in this section and on the BCPhA website. We have the best pharmacy job board in BC! For the full listings of pharmacy technician and assistant positions visit the Pharmacy Technician Society of BC website at [ptsbc.ca](http://ptsbc.ca)

Pharmacist members looking for new career opportunities can post their resumes for free on the Hire-a-Pharmacist page. To learn more, visit the recruitment section of [bcpharmacy.ca](http://bcpharmacy.ca).

## ABBOTSFORD

### Pharmacist – full-time

Position available October 2017. Medical Clinic pharmacy in Abbotsford looking for full-time pharmacist with strong communication and clinical skills. Monday to Friday, 40-hour work schedule, flexible with shifts. Or can work Monday to Thursday for approximately 36-40 hours a week, if preferred. Please send resume to [amriksgshag@hotmail.com](mailto:amriksgshag@hotmail.com).

### Pharmacist – part-time

Garden Park Pharmacy in Abbotsford. We are a long-established, friendly community pharmacy seeking a pharmacy manager, pharmacist and pharmacy assistants to join our company. Abbotsford is about a 45-minute drive from Vancouver. We offer competitive wages. No Sunday, Saturday, statutory holidays or evenings. All experience levels and new graduates are welcome. Please send resume to [alanchoi5588@yahoo.com](mailto:alanchoi5588@yahoo.com), fax 604.746.2825 or call 604.859.3300.

## BOWEN ISLAND

### Pharmacist – part-time

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We are searching for a pharmacist with experience in residential care/nursing home. The Overwaitea Food Group (OFG) is one of Western Canada's leading retailers in food and pharmacy solutions. We are committed to providing a fun and respectful work environment and to empowering our team members in professional growth. We are supported by the organization's core values in service, people, integrity, fun and innovation. Join the OFG and reward yourself with an exciting career. Please send resume to [ming\\_chang@owfg.com](mailto:ming_chang@owfg.com).

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## COQUITLAM

### Pharmacist – part-time

Looking for a part-time pharmacist Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with an option to increase. Patient-oriented pharmacy, no methadone. WinRx experience is a great plus. Please send resume to Moe, Owner at [moe\\_rx@hotmail.com](mailto:moe_rx@hotmail.com) or call 604.468.4711.

## CRANBROOK

### Pharmacist – full-time

Full-time pharmacist position available at Safeway Cranbrook. Please apply online at [www.sobeyscareers.com](http://www.sobeyscareers.com).

### Pharmacist – part-time

Cranbrook IDA Pharmacy is the outpatient pharmacy for the East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook, BC. We are currently seeking to fill a part-time/full-time staff pharmacist position. Our pharmacy specializes in long-term care, BC Renal program, mental health, addiction services, immunization, sterile compounding, pain and wound care and hormone consulting. Please send us your resume if you are interested in joining a professional pharmacy that provides exceptional patient care. Please send resume to [cranbrookida@gmail.com](mailto:cranbrookida@gmail.com), fax 250.420.4135 or call 250.420.4133.

## DELTA

### Pharmacist – full-time

We are looking for full-time pharmacists for our Lower Mainland pharmacies. Experience with WinRX/Kroll and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, etc.) are necessary. The successful applicant is required to have at least one year of experience working in a community pharmacy and to be injection certified. Pharmacists must also have a good working knowledge of PharmaCare and third-party billing policies, medication reviews, and experience with blister packing. Pharmacists must be strong communicators, clinically oriented, and willing to further their pharmacy practice and patient-centered care. Wages start at \$37/hour. Full medical and dental benefits are provided after a trial period of three months.

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## DELTA

### Pharmacist – part-time

A growing independent new pharmacy specializing in patient-centered care. We do dispense methadone but are not your typical methadone pharmacy. Known for our outstandingly efficient operations and loyal patient population, we have created a great environment to work and thrive. Seeking a pharmacist who is highly motivated, with a strong work ethic, strong customer service skills, good communication & leadership skills, ability to work as a member of a dynamic & energetic team, and most importantly willingness to actively participate in patients' health-care outcomes. Position is a permanent part-time leading to full-time. We offer stability, competitive pay structure and a great benefits package. We pride ourselves on our dedication to our employees and interest in long-term relationships. Please send resume to [careers@wescanapharmacy.com](mailto:careers@wescanapharmacy.com).

## FORT ST. JOHN

### Pharmacist – full-time

Full-time pharmacist position available at Safeway located in Fort St. John. Please apply online at [www.sobeyscareers.com](http://www.sobeyscareers.com).

## HOPE

### Pharmacist – full-time

Pharmasave in Hope is looking for a full-time staff pharmacist to join our pharmacy team. This position will be a challenging and rewarding position for a pharmacist or a new graduate to enter practice. We are always looking for innovative ways to embrace new practice models, and are actively participating in pharmacy genomics, medication review services, injection services, and an ideal protein weight loss clinic. Our pharmacy team includes pharmacy assistants as well as regulated technicians, and pharmacists with a wide variety of knowledge and experiences that you will be able to draw upon to enhance your pharmacy practice. Please send resume to [lgutenberg@forewest.ca](mailto:lgutenberg@forewest.ca).

## HOUSTON

### Pharmacy manager – full-time

This position offers the right candidate a fantastic work/life balance. Houston is a wonderful little community, which would appeal to those who love the great BC outdoors. The store is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, closed on Sundays and holidays. The position offers an above average compensation package for the right candidate. Require proficiency in the English language and previous experience with Kroll windows. This pharmacy is a PCCA compounding pharmacy so a keen interest and/or previous experience with compounding and managing a busy pharmacy

would be desirable. If you would like to discuss this very exciting and rewarding opportunity with a fantastic growing and forward-thinking company please forward your cover letter and resume. Position is available immediately. Please send resume to Todd Gehring, Pharmacy Operations Coordinator at tgehring@forewest.ca.

#### **KAMLOOPS**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time, part-time**

Manshadi Pharmacy is looking to hire a full-time and part-time motivated pharmacist to work in a well-established independent retail pharmacy. Experience working in a busy pharmacy is a requirement. We specialize in diabetic care, compounding and home health care products. Great team that supports our pharmacist. We prefer a long-term commitment. Kamloops is a great place to be. We are close to two ski hills, Sun Peaks and Harper Mountain, and dozens of nearby lakes. Good community to raise a family with all needed amenities. Thank you for your interest but only qualified applicants will be contacted. New grads are welcome to apply. Please send resume to Missagh Manshadi, pharmacist/owner at missagh@manshadipharmacy.com, online at www.manshadipharmacy.com, fax 1.250.434.2527 or call 1.250.574.0111.

##### **Pharmacist – part-time**

Looking for part-time pharmacist in Kamloops (6-month contract). Job Requirements: Insured and currently licensed with the College of Pharmacists of BC (Part A), in good standing; Proven relationship management and interpersonal skills to allow to develop strong partnerships with clients; A history of being a continuous learner where the skills and knowledge have been developed to be a respected pharmacy professional; Excellent presentation and communication skills, both verbal and written; Effective organization, planning, and time-management skills. Please send resume to Aashyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at Aashyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca.

#### **KASLO**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

We are a small, owner-operated company with two pharmacies located in two neighbouring villages in the Kootenays of BC. We have an opportunity available for a pharmacy professional who would welcome a hands-on practice serving a close community of clients in a stunningly beautiful location. Our ideal candidate is a personable, team player who enjoys connecting with clients, members of the community and working with other staff personnel while bringing the highest of standards to his or her pharmacy practice. We offer competitive wages and benefits, plus we will assist in arranging for local accommodation. Healthy lifestyle options abound in our villages offering an array of year round mountain and water sport activities. Please send resume to wardctaylor@gmail.com.

#### **KITIMAT**

##### **Pharmacist – part-time**

Advance your pharmacy career with Overwaitea Food Group. With over 120 pharmacies in BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, under the following banners: Save-On-Foods, PriceSmart Foods, Urban Fare and Overwaitea Pharmacy. Our pharmacy team members share a passion for healthy living and quality patient-centered care. We provide a very professional pharmacy practice environment and are committed to: challenging & growing our staff, caring for people, healthy living for our shoppers and patients, innovation and investing in our future. Join the Overwaitea Food Group and make your career prescription complete! Please send resume to Raymond Jay, B.Sc. (Pharm), Regional Manager at raymond\_jay@owfg.com.

#### **LANGLEY**

##### **Pharmacist – part-time**

Co-op Pharmacy in Langley is accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week) pharmacist. We provide an excellent pharmacy practice environment with personal growth and career development opportunities. We offer an attractive compensation and benefits package. If you are highly motivated to provide excellent pharmacy care and customer service, please send your resume to Hisham Metwally, Pharmacy Division Manager at pharmacyMgr@otter-coop.com or fax 604.856.3101.

#### **NEW WESTMINSTER**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

Are you looking for a long-term, rewarding career as a pharmacist? We are a fast-growing community pharmacy group that has owned and operated independent pharmacies for nearly 20 years in the Lower Mainland. We offer a rewarding work environment and we are looking for a full-time pharmacist to join our New Westminster location who will deliver outstanding customer service to our patients. Please send resume to hr@globalhealthmanagement.ca or fax 604.777.9132.

#### **NORTH VANCOUVER**

##### **Pharmacist – part-time**

Are you looking for a part-time job as a clinical pharmacist? We are a friendly, small Health Centre Pharmasave on the North Shore, and looking for a self-motivated pharmacist to join our team. No weekend shifts and competitive wage is provided. The individual must have the following qualifications: excellent communication skills; willingness to provide clinical services to our patients; detail-oriented and organized; injection certified; friendly and willing to learn and develop as a pharmacist. Please send resume to Pharmasavemarinedrive@shaw.ca.

#### **OLIVER**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

Shoppers Drug Mart in Oliver is looking for a full-time pharmacist. The ideal candidate is a friendly, approachable team player that is able to think on their feet. Please send resume to asdm2125@shoppersdrugmart.ca, fax 250.498.4988 or call 250.498.3663.

#### **OSOYOOS**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

Pharmasave Osoyoos is seeking a friendly, BC-licensed pharmacist, who will offer excellent health care support and customer service. Would you like the opportunity to actually get to know your clients and build a strong rapport to local health care professionals in the community? We are not your average pharmacy. We offer various clinical services to our patients. On staff are PCCA compounding pharmacist and a CDE pharmacist. We have three very supportive full-time pharmacy assistants. Osoyoos offers a great lifestyle. Commute to work will be two to seven minutes and sunscreen is required. Please send resume to psosoyoos@pharmasave011.com or call 250.495.7424.

#### **PARKSVILLE**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

Overwaitea Food Group, one of Western Canada's leading food and consumer-goods retailer, operates more than 120 pharmacies across BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, under the following banners: Save-On-Foods, PriceSmart Foods, Urban Fare and Overwaitea Pharmacy. We provide a very professional pharmacy practice environment and are committed to: challenging and growing our staff, caring for people, healthy living for our shoppers and patients, innovation and investing in our future. Join the Overwaitea Food Group and make your career prescription complete! We have an opening for a pharmacist position at our store in Parksville, BC. Please send resume to Sammy Lee, B.Sc. (Pharm), R.Ph., Regional Manager, Pharmacy Operations at sammy\_lee@owfg.com.

#### **PORT HARDY**

##### **Pharmacist – full-time**

Demonstrate strong sales ability, leadership, energy, passion and communication skills as we strive to be recognized as the Canadian leader in pharmacy health care. Consult with patients to maximize Rx and OTC sales. Provide professional advice and applicable dialogue with patients on prescription and OTC products. Must provide excellent customer service. Be aware of any in-store events and support these events within the store. Supervise pharmacy technicians. Ensure company standard operating procedures, policies, professional standards and applicable laws and regulations are followed. Implement proper pricing and receiving procedures to minimize shrinkage. Maintain the dispensary inventory level within the prescribed guidelines through accurate perpetual inventory records. Please send resume to DBilson@rexall.ca.

# CAREER LISTINGS

## PRINCE RUPERT

### Pharmacy manager – full-time

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### Pharmacist – full-time

Full-time pharmacist position available at our Safeway located in Prince Rupert, BC. Please apply online at [www.sobeyscareers.com](http://www.sobeyscareers.com).

## SURREY

### Pharmacist – part-time

Part-time pharmacist position with new independent pharmacy in Surrey – 2 to 3 shifts a week. Need to be able to work independently. Must be proficient in both Kroll as well as PharmaClik. Preference given to pharmacists that are injection certified, have completed the methadone training, and are able to conduct professional services such as medication reviews, adaptations and refusal to fills. New grads are welcome – great learning opportunity! Position to start immediately. Please send resume to [vivacarerx@gmail.com](mailto:vivacarerx@gmail.com) or fax 778.293.2274.

## TOFINO

### Pharmacist – full-time

Full-time pharmacist position available. Please contact George directly for more information on job description. Please send resume to [pdm134@gmail.com](mailto:pdm134@gmail.com) or call 250.725.8605.

## VANCOUVER

### Pharmacy manager – full-time

Demonstrate strong sales ability, leadership, energy, passion and communication skills as we strive to be recognized as the Canadian leader in pharmacy health care. Consult with patients to maximize Rx and OTC sales. Provide professional advice and applicable dialogue with patients on prescription and OTC products to provide excellent customer service. Be aware of any in-store events and support these events within the store. Supervise pharmacy technicians. Ensure company standard operating procedures, policies, professional standards and applicable laws and regulations are followed. Implement proper pricing and receiving procedures to minimize shrinkage. Maintain the dispensary

inventory level within the prescribed guidelines through accurate perpetual inventory records. Please send resume to [dbilson@rexall.ca](mailto:dbilson@rexall.ca).

### Pharmacist – full-time

Shoppers Drug Mart in Vancouver is looking for a full-time pharmacist position with benefits. In our fast-paced environment, the ideal candidate is a friendly, approachable team player that is able to think on their feet. Please send resume to Jennifer Mai, Pharmacy Manager at [jennifermai.sdm@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermai.sdm@gmail.com) or call 604.738.3107.

### Pharmacist – part-time

We are a growing independent new pharmacy specializing in patient-centered care. Known for outstanding efficient operations and our loyal patients. We have created a great environment to work and thrive. Looking for a highly motivated pharmacist with a strong work ethic, great customer service skills, good communication and leadership skills. Ability to work as a member of a dynamic team and most importantly willingness to actively participate in patients' health-care outcomes. Position is permanent full-time with flexibility between two pharmacies located in downtown Vancouver. We offer stability, a very competitive pay structure and a great benefits package. We pride ourselves on our dedication to our employees and interest in long-term relationships. Please send resume to [drimrantejani@gmail.com](mailto:drimrantejani@gmail.com).

### Pharmacist – part-time

Pharmacist position available. Experience in retail and residential home care pharmacy, exceptional communication and organizational skills. Familiar with Telus and able to work productively as a member of a dynamic team. Please send resume to [hr@yyoung.com](mailto:hr@yyoung.com) or fax 604.324.1727.

### Pharmacist – relief

We are looking for an enthusiastic pharmacist with knowledge of PharmaClik Rx (Nexsys) to work as a relief pharmacist in Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy. Please contact via email for more details. Please send resume to [pharmavancouver@outlook.com](mailto:pharmavancouver@outlook.com) or call 604.675.6300.

## VERNON

### Pharmacist – full-time, part-time

Advance your pharmacy career with the Overwaitea Food Group, a Canadian-owned company that operates under multiple banners: Save-On-Foods, Coopers Foods, Overwaitea Foods, PriceSmart Foods, and Urban Fare. With over 120 pharmacies in over 50 communities across BC and Alberta, and growing in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Our pharmacy team members are made up of hardworking people who thrive in a demanding and changing environment and are deeply committed to their patients. Join our team of 450+ pharmacists and make a difference! We offer: Friendly, professional and supportive work environments; Flexibility, stability and great compensation

packages; Opportunities to develop your leadership skills, expand your scope of practice and advance your career. Please send resume to Sammy Lee, B.Sc. (Pharm), R.Ph., Regional Manager, Pharmacy Operations at [sammy\\_lee@owfg.com](mailto:sammy_lee@owfg.com).

## VICTORIA

### Pharmacist – full-time

Attractive opportunity for a full-time pharmacist in Victoria. Excellent wages, health benefits, great hours in a conveniently located community pharmacy. Please send resume to [victoriamedicaljobs@gmail.com](mailto:victoriamedicaljobs@gmail.com).

### Pharmacist – full-time

Are you looking for an opportunity with an established independent pharmacy chain that is looking to grow and expand its focus on patient care, and clinical specialization. We take patient follow up to a whole new level. We are looking for energetic pharmacists who want to practice their full scope of clinical skills and help us bring top-notch health care to our customers. Heart Pharmacy IDA owned by Naz Rayani are looking for an engaged, clinically oriented and outgoing full-time pharmacist to work at our unique community pharmacies. Please send resume to [jobs@victoriapharmacy.com](mailto:jobs@victoriapharmacy.com).

### Pharmacist – part-time

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for a part-time pharmacist position. We are a busy pharmacy with a strong pharmacy team focused on delivering excellent customer service and building relationships with our patients. We offer pharmacy services such as vaccinations, medication reviews, and blister packing. We are looking for a strong candidate to join our team. Ideal candidate: Proficient with Kroll, comfortable and willing to provide pharmacy services such as medication reviews, adaptations and injections, experience in a fast-paced work environment, fluent in English, strong customer service and communication skills, able to delegate responsibilities. Please send resume to [vicdispensary@gmail.com](mailto:vicdispensary@gmail.com).

### Pharmacist – relief

Demonstrate strong sales ability, leadership, energy, passion and communication skills as we strive to be recognized as the Canadian leader in pharmacy health care. Consult with patients to maximize Rx and OTC sales. Provide professional advice and applicable dialogue with patients on prescription and OTC products to provide excellent customer service. Be aware of any in-store events and support these events within the store. Supervise pharmacy technicians. Ensure company standard operating procedures, policies, professional standards and applicable laws and regulations are followed. Implement proper pricing and receiving procedures to minimize shrinkage. Maintain the dispensary inventory level within the prescribed guidelines through accurate perpetual inventory records. Please send resume to [dbilson@rexall.ca](mailto:dbilson@rexall.ca).

## OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS BC

### Pharmacist – part-time

Advance your pharmacy career with the Overwaitea Food Group, a Canadian-owned company that operates under multiple banners: Save-On-Foods, Coopers Foods, Overwaitea Foods, PriceSmart Foods, and Urban Fare. With over 120 pharmacies across BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, our pharmacy team members share a passion for healthy living and quality patient-centered care. We offer an attractive compensation package and our extensive benefits package is one of the industry's finest. We have positions available in Kitimat and Creston, Parksville, Prince George, Quesnel, Grand Forks, Fernie, Fort Nelson, Prince Rupert and Campbell River. Floater pharmacist positions are also available. New grads are welcome to apply. Please send resume to [pharmacyemployment@owfg.com](mailto:pharmacyemployment@owfg.com).

### LOWER MAINLAND

#### Pharmacist – part-time

London Drugs has a part-time opportunity in Lower Mainland. Join a clinical and patient-focused team using the latest robotic dispensing machines plus counseling booths and counseling rooms. Competitive salary and compensation packages, scheduled meal breaks and opportunities to advance to roles such as travel medicine, long-term care, pharmacy management, CDE, injection pharmacist and patient care pharmacists. Please send resume to Nelson Costa, Pharmacy Operations Manager, BC at [ncosta@londondrugs.com](mailto:ncosta@londondrugs.com).

### OKANAGAN

#### Pharmacist – relief

Advance your pharmacy career with the Overwaitea Food Group, a Canadian-owned company that operates under multiple banners: Save-On-Foods, Overwaitea Foods, PriceSmart Foods, and Urban Fare. With over 118 pharmacies in over 50 communities across BC and Alberta, and growing into Saskatchewan and Manitoba, our pharmacy team members share a passion for healthy living and quality, patient-centered care. We offer an attractive compensation package and our extensive benefits package is one of the industry's finest. We have a relief pharmacist position available for the Okanagan region. New graduates are welcome to apply. Please send resume to [sammy\\_lee@owfg.com](mailto:sammy_lee@owfg.com).

### VANCOUVER ISLAND

#### Pharmacist – relief

Demonstrate strong sales ability, leadership, energy, passion and communication skills as we strive to be recognized as the Canadian leader in pharmacy health care. Consult with patients to maximize Rx and OTC sales. Provide professional advice and applicable dialogue with patients on prescription and OTC products to provide excellent customer service. Be aware of any in-store events and support these events within

the store. Supervise pharmacy technicians. Ensure company standard operating procedures, policies, professional standards and applicable laws and regulations are followed. Implement proper pricing and receiving procedures to minimize shrinkage. Maintain the dispensary inventory level within the prescribed guidelines through accurate perpetual inventory records. Please send resume to [dbilson@rexall.ca](mailto:dbilson@rexall.ca).

## OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE BC

### ALBERTA (FLOATER)

#### Pharmacist – full-time

The Overwaitea Food Group (OFG) proudly provides professional, patient-centered care through more than 80 pharmacies across BC and Alberta. We are a leading-edge food and consumer goods retailer known for our belief that well-being is about prevention, not just intervention. And thanks to the breadth and depth of our well-established health related offerings, our pharmacists are in a unique position to counsel clients about nutrition and wellness. At OFG, we're committed to fostering a work environment that encourages personal growth, training and career opportunities and provides continuous learning. We offer an attractive compensation package and our extensive benefits package for full-time pharmacists is one of the industry's finest. Learn more about what we have to offer. Please send resume to Denise Nilsen, Regional Manager, Pharmacy Operations at [pharmacyemployment@owfg.com](mailto:pharmacyemployment@owfg.com).

### WHITEHORSE, YUKON

#### Pharmacist – full-time

Looking for full-time staff pharmacist. Job Requirements: Insured and currently licensed with the College of Pharmacists of BC (Part A), in good standing; Proven relationship management and interpersonal skills to allow to develop strong partnerships with clients; A history of being a continuous learner where the skills and knowledge have been developed to be a respected pharmacy professional; Excellent presentation and communication skills, both verbal and written; Effective organization, planning, and time management skills. Please send resume to Aashiyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at [Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca](mailto:Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca).

#### PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND ASSISTANTS

For the full listings of pharmacy technician and assistant positions visit the Pharmacy Technician Society of BC website at [ptsbc.ca](http://ptsbc.ca)

### ABBOTSFORD - Pharmacy technician - full-time

Please send resume to [info@pharmasaveabby.com](mailto:info@pharmasaveabby.com).

**BARRIERE - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Regan Ready, Pharmacist/Pharmacy Operations Manager at [regan@teamrx.net](mailto:regan@teamrx.net).

**BURNABY - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Viv Smy, Pharmacy Manager at [vsmy@advancedcare.ca](mailto:vsmy@advancedcare.ca), fax 866.496.8630 or call 604.368.7577.

**BURNABY - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [pharmacyemployment@owfg.com](mailto:pharmacyemployment@owfg.com).

**BURNABY - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to Viv Smy, Pharmacy Manager at [vsmy@advancedcare.ca](mailto:vsmy@advancedcare.ca), fax 844.901.2254 or call 604.368.7577.

**BURNABY - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to [gwong2108@yahoo.ca](mailto:gwong2108@yahoo.ca).

**CLEARWATER - Pharmacy technician - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [ps231@telus.net](mailto:ps231@telus.net), fax 250.674.0056 or call 250.674.0059.

**COURTENAY - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Aashiyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at [Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca](mailto:Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca).

**DELTA - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [careers@wescanapharmacy.com](mailto:careers@wescanapharmacy.com).

**DELTA - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Aashiyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at [Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca](mailto:Aashiyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca).

**KAMLOOPS - Pharmacy technician - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [glovers@medicinecentre.com](mailto:glovers@medicinecentre.com).

**KAMLOOPS - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [missagh@manshadipharmacy.com](mailto:missagh@manshadipharmacy.com), fax 250.434.2527 or call 250.574.0111.

**LAKE COWICHAN - Pharmacy assistant - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to Ellie Rahimini, PhD, PharmD, Pharmacy VP, Lucas Group at [ellie@lucasgroup.ca](mailto:ellie@lucasgroup.ca).

**LANGLEY - Pharmacy technician - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [pharmacycareltd@gmail.com](mailto:pharmacycareltd@gmail.com).

**LANGLEY - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [asdm287@shoppersdrugmart.ca](mailto:asdm287@shoppersdrugmart.ca) or call 604.530.5388.

**LOGAN LAKE - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Regan Ready, Pharmacy Operations Manager at [regan@teamrx.net](mailto:regan@teamrx.net).

**LOWER MAINLAND - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Nelson Costa, Pharmacy Operations Manager at [ncosta@londondrugs.com](mailto:ncosta@londondrugs.com), fax 604.448.1075 or call 604.272.7113.

# CAREER LISTINGS

**MAPLE RIDGE - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to satthari@gmail.com.

**MAPLE RIDGE - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to gwong2108@yahoo.ca.

**MAPLE RIDGE - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume online at [www.safewaypharmacy.jobs](http://www.safewaypharmacy.jobs).

**MCBRIDE - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Regan Ready, Pharmacist/Pharmacy Operations Manager at [regan@teamrx.net](mailto:regan@teamrx.net).

**NANAIMO - Pharmacy technician - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to Kevin Cox, Pharmacist/manager at [phr01525@loblaw.ca](mailto:phr01525@loblaw.ca), fax 250.390.5732 or call 250.390.5730.

**NEW WESTMINSTER - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [atang@londondrugs.com](mailto:atang@londondrugs.com) or call 604.524.1121.

**NORTH VANCOUVER - Pharmacy technician - part-time** - Please send resume to [Pharmacy-rx@hotmail.com](mailto:Pharmacy-rx@hotmail.com).

**NORTH VANCOUVER - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [info@northmountpharmacy.ca](mailto:info@northmountpharmacy.ca) or fax 604.985.1240.

**NORTH VANCOUVER - Pharmacy assistant - part-time, relief** - Please send resume to Helen Forsyth, Pharmacy Manager at [Helen.forsyth@outlook.com](mailto:Helen.forsyth@outlook.com) or call 604.904.5535.

**OSOYOOS - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [psosoyoos@pharmasave011.com](mailto:psosoyoos@pharmasave011.com) or call 250.495.7424.

**PITT MEADOWS/SURREY - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Aashyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at [Aashyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca](mailto:Aashyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca).

**PORT COQUITLAM - Pharmacy technician - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [nazshah2011@gmail.com](mailto:nazshah2011@gmail.com), fax 604.944.5548 or call 604.944.5544.

**PORT COQUITLAM - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to [nazshah2011@gmail.com](mailto:nazshah2011@gmail.com) or call 604.944.5544.

**PORT COQUITLAM - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to [rick.jc.wu@alumni.ubc.ca](mailto:rick.jc.wu@alumni.ubc.ca).

**RICHMOND - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume online at [www.sobeyscareers.com](http://www.sobeyscareers.com).

**RICHMOND - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to [hrmedicarepharmacy@gmail.com](mailto:hrmedicarepharmacy@gmail.com).

**SAANICHTON - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [asdm269@shoppersdrugmart.ca](mailto:asdm269@shoppersdrugmart.ca), fax 250.881.8299 or call 250.888.6137.

**SICAMOUS - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Regan Ready, Pharmacist/Pharmacy Operations Manager at [regan@teamrx.net](mailto:regan@teamrx.net).

**VALEMOUNT - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Regan Ready, Pharmacist/Pharmacy Operations Manager at [regan@teamrx.net](mailto:regan@teamrx.net).

**VANCOUVER - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [michelle@macdonaldsrx.com](mailto:michelle@macdonaldsrx.com).

**VANCOUVER - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [rani@macdonaldsrx.com](mailto:rani@macdonaldsrx.com) or call 604.872.2662.

**VANCOUVER - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Aashyita Nanda, Specialist, Talent Acquisition at [Aashyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca](mailto:Aashyita.nanda2@loblaw.ca).

**VANCOUVER - Pharmacy technician - part-time** - Please send resume to [brooke@bixa.ca](mailto:brooke@bixa.ca).

**VANCOUVER Pharmacy assistant - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [pharmavancouver@outlook.com](mailto:pharmavancouver@outlook.com).

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [jobs@victoriapharmacy.com](mailto:jobs@victoriapharmacy.com).

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to Shelina Dawood, Pharmacy Manager at [w256phm@costco.com](mailto:w256phm@costco.com) or call 250.391.8986.

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy technician - full-time** - Please send resume to [info@rxvictoria.com](mailto:info@rxvictoria.com) or fax 250.477.6121.

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy assistant - full-time** - Please send resume to [info@elementsparmacy.ca](mailto:info@elementsparmacy.ca).

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy assistant - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [info@rxvictoria.com](mailto:info@rxvictoria.com) or fax 250.477.6121.

**VICTORIA - Pharmacy assistant - part-time** - Please send resume to Shelina Dawood, Pharmacy Manager at [w256phm@costco.com](mailto:w256phm@costco.com) or call 250.391.8986.

**WEST VANCOUVER - Pharmacy assistant - full-time, part-time** - Please send resume to [hollyburn@medicinescentre.com](mailto:hollyburn@medicinescentre.com), fax 604.922.3159 or call 604.922.4174.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Are you thinking of selling your pharmacy? **Overwaitea Food Group** may be interested. If you would like more information please contact [pharmacybuyer1@gmail.com](mailto:pharmacybuyer1@gmail.com).

**Forewest Holdings** partners with local pharmacists and currently owns 34 Pharmasave locations. We have been partnering with local pharmacists for more than 30 years. We are currently looking for opportunities to acquire more community pharmacies in B.C. and Alberta. Please contact us if you are ready to sell all or part of your store. Forewest is also always looking for pharmacists who would like to become part owners of a pharmacy. Under the Forewest program you become a shareholder of your store and receive your full pro-rata share of its income in addition to your normal salary. We have several ownership opportunities available at this time. Please contact Don Fraser, CEO and President, at [dfraser@forewest.ca](mailto:dfraser@forewest.ca) or call 604.788.9315.

### LOWER MAINLAND - pharmacy wanted

If you are interested in selling your pharmacy, please email [zmerali@nazwellness.com](mailto:zmerali@nazwellness.com) or call 604.726.6333 for more information.

### SURREY - business opportunity

A turn-key built space ideal for a full-service pharmacy and 4-5 physician medical practice. Both spaces are move in ready. As an added bonus, the pharmacy has an established and currently running medical clinic next door with two practicing physicians. Please call 604.726.6333 for more information.

### TOFINO - partnership/sale

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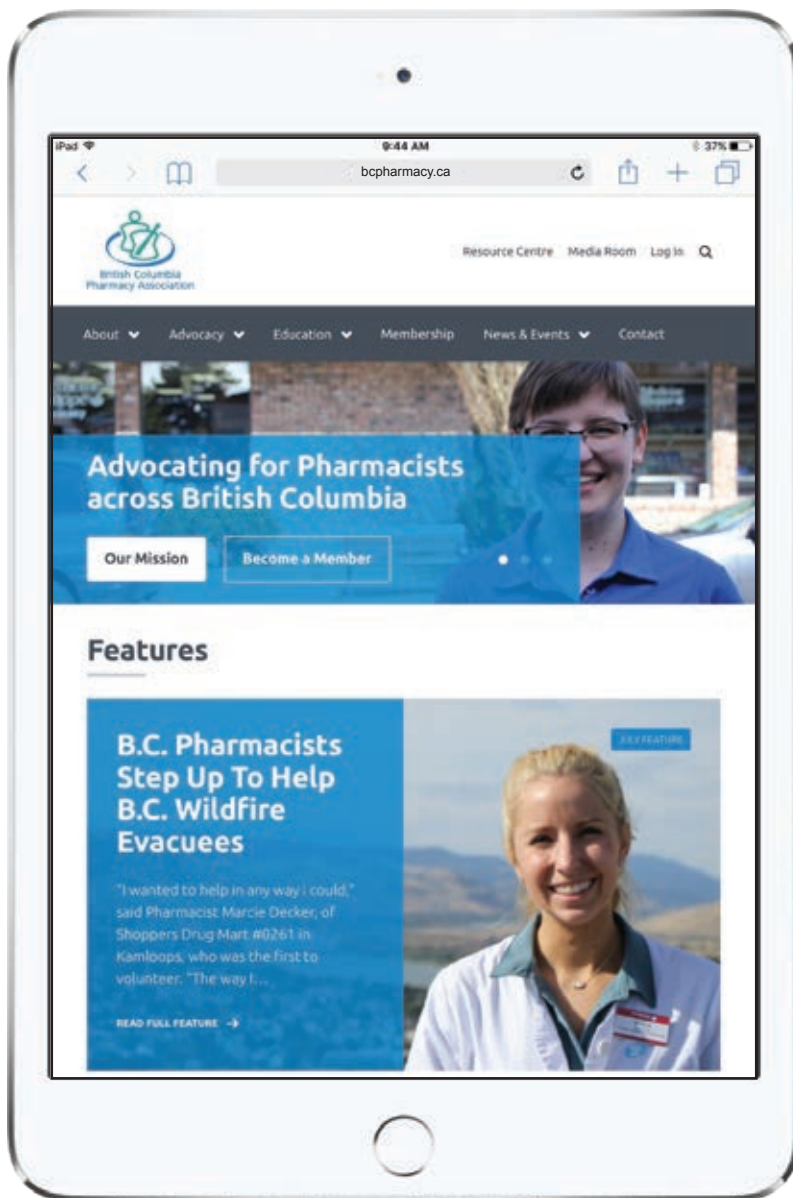
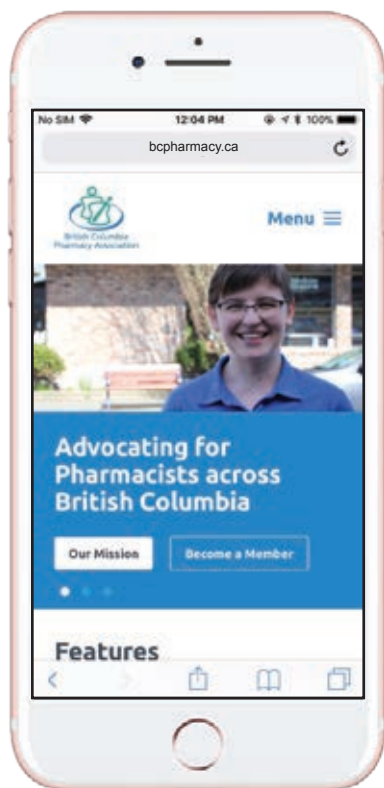
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