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CHAPTER P-6

PHARMACY ACT

PHYSICIAN DISPENSARY REGULATIONS

Made by the Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Board, after consultation with the Council of the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association, pursuant to section 8 of the *Pharmacy Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-6, and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

1. In these regulations “physician dispensary” means a pharmacy operated by a physician in connection with his practice, wherein drugs are sold to the physician's patients. (EC617/87) “physician dispensary”, defined
2. These regulations do not apply to the administration of a drug by a physician nor to his dispensing small quantities of a drug to his patient without charge. (EC617/87) Exemption
3. No person shall operate a physician dispensary without a valid permit. (EC617/87) Permit required
4. The Board may issue a permit to operate a physician dispensary where in the judgment of the Board there is, in the public interest, a demonstrable need for or value of such a service on such grounds as
 - (a) the historical existence of that dispensary; or
 - (b) ready accessibility or other significant convenience to patients because of distance from a community pharmacy, hours of service or availability of certain products. (EC617/87)Criteria for issue
5. The operator of a physician dispensary shall not provide pharmacy services other than on his own prescription, for his own patient, in direct connection with medical service being rendered on the same occasion. (EC617/87) Restrictions
6. (1) The physician shall himself perform the professional aspects of a pharmacy service, namely
 - (a) completion of packaging and labelling; and
 - (b) giving the drug out to the patient with instructions and advice regarding proper use.Physician to dispense
- (2) The physician may delegate non-professional aspects of pharmacy service to an assistant, but shall provide explicit supervision, confirm the work and bear responsibility for the full pharmacy service. (EC617/87) *Idem*

- Conflict of interest **7.** The operator of a physician dispensary is responsible to ensure that his prescribing and his provision of pharmacy services are not influenced by considerations, such as commercial advantage or the availability of certain drugs in his own current stock, that may conflict with or detract from the main considerations of therapeutic efficacy and the best interests of the patient. (EC617/87)
- Patient given choice **8.** A physician operating a physician dispensary shall explicitly offer to provide any prescription directly to the patient so that the patient may, if he wishes, take it to be filled elsewhere. (EC617/87)
- Patient record **9.** Further to the requirements in the Standards Regulations (EC618/87) concerning patient records, the record system of a physician dispensary shall be organized in such a way as to permit examination without betraying the confidentiality of personal medical records. (EC617/87)
- Application of other regulations **10.** The Authorization Regulations (EC1023/84) and the Standards Regulations (EC618/87) made under the *Pharmacy Act* apply to a physician dispensary. (EC617/87)