



RX AUTHORITY FOR PHARMACISTS – MINOR AILMENTS PART I

Information Sheet

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Update on prescriptive authority
2. Review of the decision making framework and how it pertains to minor ailments
3. Demonstration of the application of the decision making process to minor ailment prescribing (case studies)
4. Review of documentation for minor ailment prescribing
5. PAS billing overview

All community pharmacists must take the training to be allowed to prescribe for minor ailments.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

This course has been designed to train Level I pharmacists in the processes of prescribing for minor ailments. This is the next step in Level I training. Guidelines for prescribing for a number of minor ailments have been developed by the team at the Saskatchewan Drug Information Services. As of March 2011 pharmacists may prescribe for these minor ailments using the guidelines, once they have completed the appropriate training. An Interdisciplinary Committee of practitioners is reviewing other minor ailments prior to implementation of prescribing by pharmacists. If you choose not to participate in the initial training in prescribing for Minor Ailments (Live sessions), you can complete the required training in the future as additional conditions are approved for prescribing. In other words, you only need to take the training ONCE, and can prescribe for all approved minor ailments as soon as you have been trained. CPDPP will develop modules for new areas as they become approved. Availability of 'live' training sessions will be dependent on the timing of approval for any new conditions. On-line modules will be made available as conditions are approved.

There are 5 sections to the online course, in each one there is a description of the ailment, a review of the signs & symptoms, differential assessments, treatment options and when to refer. The sections are:

- Introduction and PAS Updates
- Acne
- Insect Bites
- Cold Sores
- Allergic Rhinitis

Once you have completed the program online, you are required to notify the CPDPP office of your completion. After you have done this, you may begin prescribing right away; you do not have to wait for your CEU certificate. CPDPP will then email you your CEU certificate, to be stored in your Learning Portfolio. As well, CPDPP will report your completion to SCPP, in order for you to be considered certified. This training will then appear on your profile page with SCPP.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE

In the future, as new minor ailments become approved for prescribing, you will not be required to take online modules to prescribe for them. However, modules will be offered for pharmacists who wish to review those ailments prior to prescribing. Guidelines and algorithms for prescribing for additional conditions will appear on the medSask website once they are approved.

This online program has been approved by CPDPP for 6.0 CEUs