



Blueprint in Motion

Progress on the Blueprint for Pharmacy

Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, students and pharmacy organizations are coming together, collaborating to implement the **Vision for Pharmacy: Optimal drug therapy for Canadians through patient-centred care.**

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE

Pharmacists continue to be the most trusted professional

According to a new Ipsos Reid poll released January 4, 2012, pharmacists are once again ranked as the number one trusted professional. Eight in ten (78%) Canadians said they trust pharmacists, scoring them a 5, 6 or 7 on a trust scale of 1 to 7. For more information, read the full report: What do Pharmacists, Doctors, Soldiers, Pilots and Teachers have in common?

Blueprint for Pharmacy sponsors 2011-2012 Pharmasave-Rubicon Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition

The Pharmasave-Rubicon Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition is a University of Saskatchewan annual event where pharmacy students present their business plans to a panel of pharmacy stakeholders. The Blueprint for Pharmacy is pleased to be involved for the first time as a participating sponsor. The competition will take place Thursday March 29th, 2012 at the University of Saskatchewan campus.

Visit University of Saskatchewan Pharmacy Student Business Plan Competition for more information.

Student Corner – University of Saskatchewan Student Opinion

A brief survey was administered to third year pharmacy students from the University of Saskatchewan. The intention was to capture the opinion of senior students in the program with respect to the changes occurring in pharmacy, relating to the Blueprint for Pharmacy's Vision.

Results and interpretations indicate an overall high interest to interact with the Blueprint on topics related to the Vision of Pharmacy. Of survey participants (n=76), 100% felt that the Vision for Pharmacy represented the type of practice that students want to take ownership of in their daily practice. Furthermore, 96.4% of students felt that more emphasis should be given to clinical pharmacy exposure during their pharmacy education.

Thank you to Silva Vujanovic for acting as a Blueprint for Pharmacy student champion and sharing this information with us.

Blueprint for Pharmacy presentation to University of Toronto Pharmacy Students

On November 28, 2011, Blueprint for Pharmacy Project Director Conrad Amenta presented to an auditorium of 240 eager pharmacy students at the University of Toronto. Organized by Students for Optimizing and Advocating Pharmacy Endeavours (SOAPE), the workshop aimed to introduce students to the Blueprint for Pharmacy and to collect their opinions about the future of the profession.



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HOSPITAL EXAMPLES OF PHARMACY PRACTICE CHANGE

Submitted by Donna Woloschuk.

ECPD 1.3

Development and Evaluation of a Workplace-Based Preceptor Training Course for Pharmacy Practitioners

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Pharmacy Program conducted a study to describe the development and evaluation of a workplace preceptor training course for staff pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. The instructional format included self-study readings and interactive seminars followed by structured practical experience plus feedback from a preceptor coach. During the structured practical experience, each participant served as a preceptor for a student or new staff member. Course evaluations and qualitative interviews were used to evaluate utility and perceived value among participants. Interview transcripts were analyzed using qualitative description and themes were aggregated.

Results showed that some participants described changed attitudes or behaviors toward new employees or students, using learning styles, or focus and approach to being a preceptor. After participating in the course, participants experienced satisfaction with learning experiences and showed evidence of attitudinal and behavioral change up to three years after. This unique approach could apply to other workplaces where pharmacy staff members help to deliver experiential education programs. For more information, contact Donna Woloschuk.

PHR 2.1, 2.5 & 3.1

Organizational Restructuring of Regional Pharmacy Services to Enable a New Pharmacy Practice Model

In 2007 the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Pharmacy Program began a transformative change initiative to implement organizational restructuring across the eight sites and 300 full-time equivalent staff. This included the implementation of

a new pharmacy practice model within the health authority. Goals of this initiative were to: i) transition pharmacists from drug distribution activities to direct patient care activities; ii) transition pharmacy technicians to perform and check the majority of technical drug distribution activities; iii) create management positions for pharmacy technicians; iv) develop regional teams of specialized pharmacists aligned with the organization's clinical program model; and, vi) expand, standardize, and optimize the use of information and automation technologies.

Lessons learned include the understanding that changing culture takes time and the need to be prepared for unexpected communication barriers and external forces. Since the initial implementation, drug distribution systems are now largely managed by pharmacy technician managers, and regional pharmacy information systems and automated dispensing cabinet technology have been implemented. For more information, contact Donna Woloschuk.

Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) Canada Safety Bulletin – December 2011, Volume 11, Number 9

Medication reconciliation is a formal process in which healthcare providers work with patients, families, and other care providers to ensure that accurate and comprehensive medication information is communicated across transitions of care. Canada is making medication reconciliation a national priority through multilevel support, research and innovative programs. ISMP's bulletin provides examples of programs and strategies undertaken to advance medication reconciliation and information about the National Medication Reconciliation Summit that took place in February 2011. Both the Canadian Pharmacists Association and Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists participate on the advisory group. For more information visit ISMP Canada Safety Bulletin.

Designing the future together

Are you working on a Blueprint related initiative?

Forward a brief description to Jennifer Noseworthy, Project Coordinator, for inclusion in a future issue of Blueprint in Motion. Along with your description, be sure to include a title, list of partners (where appropriate), timelines and primary contact information.

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