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PHARMACY & FORMULARY UPDATED

To: All Nunavut Pharmacists/Pharmacies

From Department of Health/Pharmacy Division

Re: **Nurse Practitioner (NP) Prescriptive Authority**

Preamble: In November 2012, Nunavut's Minister of Health approved the RNANT/NU's revised Practice & Prescriptive Guideline for Nurse Practitioners, which describes a new and expanded authority for Nurse Practitioners. These guidelines are now effective with the publication of this update to the Government of Nunavut Drug Formulary 2011-2012.
<http://rnantnu.lamp.yk.com/wp-uploads/2013/05/NP-Practice-and-Prescription-Guidelines-for-Nunavut-Nov-2012.pdf>

Goal: This update aligns Nunavut and the Northwest Territories under the same standards and authorities of the Nurses Act (NWT/NU).

Action: The following supersedes the information on Prescribing Privileges for Nurse Practitioners found on page 13 of the Government of Nunavut Drug Formulary 2011-2012.


Please attach this update to any paper copies of the formulary and keep a PDF copy in any pertinent folder or archive. The new prescriptive authority provides as follows.

Based on their patient population and as part of their practice, nurse practitioners have the authority to prescribe:

- a) *drugs listed in Schedule 'F' of the Food and Drugs Act (Canada)*
- b) *drugs listed in Schedule I of the National Association of Pharmacy Authorities (NAPRA) National Drug Schedules (www.napra.ca/pages/Schedules/Search.aspx) controlled substances as per the Controlled Drug and Substances Act (CD) (Canada)*
- c) *vaccines as outlined in the Canadian Immunization Guide as revised from time to time*
- d) *treatments such as massage therapy, acupuncture, etc.*

NPs may also write a prescription for drugs that can be obtained without a prescription, if required (NAPRA Schedule II and III). This also includes various devices (e.g. colostomy equipment)."

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014
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