



ADVISORY: Pharmacists Prescribing for Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen to Support Accessing Compounded Supplies During the Pediatric Analgesic and Antipyretic Shortage

Nov. 2, 2022, Update: The below provincial Collaborative Practice Agreement has been updated to include ibuprofen.

Dear Colleagues:

- As you may be aware, there is a demand surge on pediatric **analgesic and antipyretic** dosage forms which is creating an ongoing supply issue for patients. Pharmacists have been supporting patients by assisting with advice on alternate products, different dosage forms, repackaging of bulk supplies when able, and compounding.
- Health Canada's Policy 51 requires that pharmacy compounding must be **pursuant to a prescription** or in limited quantities in anticipation of a prescription, and there must be a health care professional relationship, meaning product cannot be compounded and sold on the shelf for public access.
- SCPP bylaws enable pharmacists prescribing through either minor ailment prescribing or through a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA). The minor ailments prescribing was not designed to meet this need as commercially available products exist, and individual CPAs may not be an effective solution.
- Therefore, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals have created a **short-term solution in the form of a provincial CPA** which would then enable pharmacists to prescribe for pediatric **acetaminophen and ibuprofen** until such time as the supply issue has normalized with the commercially available products being readily available, OR until such time as SCPP is able to amend the bylaws to support pharmacists prescribing for Schedule II, III and unscheduled drugs, whichever comes first.
- If physicians and nurse practitioners have concerns about the provincial CPA, they may choose to provide their patients with a prescription to have on hand to manage any need for access to pediatric analgesics and antipyretics during this shortage, otherwise pharmacists will assess the need to prescribe for pediatric analgesics and antipyretics which will follow the provincial CPA and the approved [Acetaminophen](#) and [Ibuprofen](#) Patient Assessment Records (PARs).

Sincerely,

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

The College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals