



SASKATCHEWAN
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Paxlovid Prescribing Guidelines & Training Opportunity

May 10, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to attend a live training session for Saskatchewan community prescribers to familiarize themselves with the prescribing requirements for publicly funded Paxlovid™ treatment for early Covid-19.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Medical Association in collaboration with the medSask team, the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals, the Pharmacy Association of Saskatchewan, The College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan, The Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Drug Plan are providing physicians with the opportunity to participate in an educational activity regarding Paxlovid™ prescribing.

Registration is now open for the webinar [Prescribing Paxlovid for COVID-19](#). Training will be live on **Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm or Friday, May 13 at 1:00 pm**. The webinars will be recorded, and the recording will be available to all registrants shortly after the live sessions.

Physicians who plan or intend to participate in the prescribing program are strongly encouraged to attend the educational session to:

1. Understand patient assessment and prescribing process requirements for community prescribing of Paxlovid™ for mild COVID-19.
2. Identify patients requiring referral and describe the referral process to ensure timely access to care.
3. Outline Saskatchewan guidance on drug interactions and how to manage at a community prescriber level.
4. Locate helpful resources and additional supports for Paxlovid™.
5. Share experiences and insights from experts working in infectious disease and treatment of early COVID-19.

Physicians may choose to be part of the prescribing program or to collaborate with participating Pharmacists (locations to be determined) by referring patients for assessment and prescribing. It is very important that all prescribers use the appropriate guidelines and standardized order set.

The **medSask Guidelines for Prescribing Paxlovid** are available for viewing with this link: [Prescribing Paxlovid for COVID-19 - medSask Home - College of Pharmacy and Nutrition | University of Saskatchewan \(usask.ca\)](#).

This is considered a hidden link until educational course completion; then it will be available on the front page of the [medSask website](#).

This Guideline page also includes:

- eligibility and treatment algorithms:
 - [Overview of Mild Covid-19 eligibility for Paxlovid™](#).
 - [Mild Covid-19 \(Paxlovid™\)](#).
- [drug interaction management tools](#), and
- [the prescriber assessment record/order set](#).

You must register for one of these sessions to attend live and receive a recording.

Target Audience: While these sessions are meant to support community prescribers for Paxlovid™ for COVID-19, all Saskatchewan health care providers are invited to attend.

Speakers: Kirsten Bazylak, BSP, medSask/CPDPP
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The College and the SMA are currently working with the [CME Department of the College of Medicine](#) for accreditation of this training session for physicians to apply for Section 2 (Self Study) credits.

We wish to thank the [medSask team](#) and participating physicians for the design and delivery of this course and the collaboration with all the community prescribers.

Further details to follow.

Sincerely,



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