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Professional Standard Regarding Review of Monitored Drug History Before Prescribing

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Preamble

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia (CPSNS) supports and encourages the use of the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Program (NSPMP). Through the NSPMP eAccess web application, prescribers and pharmacists can quickly access the most recent 18 months of prescribing history. The College encourages physicians to always review the drug profile of all patients when prescribing controlled substances.

Professional Standard

When caring for patients in episodic, urgent or emergent care settings, physicians must review the patient's drug profile as maintained by the NSPMP prior to prescribing narcotics or any controlled drugs or substances.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I use the eAccess web application?
Helpful information pertaining to the eAccess web application can be found in the eAccess User Guide.

What if my walk-in clinic doesn't have internet access?
You can call a pharmacist for this patient drug history as all pharmacists have access to the eAccess tool.

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