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## [Registrar's message—revised Referral-Consultation Process guideline aims to keep patients out of the dark \[1\]](#)

The College is pleased to announce that the feedback received from specialists, family physicians, and the public has resulted in a serviceable guideline that places the patient firmly at the centre of the referral-consultation process.

[Read more about Registrar's message—revised Referral-Consultation Process guideline aims to keep patients out of the dark \[1\]](#)



## [#RealityCheckup: register now to save a spot in one of the exciting Education Day workshops \[2\]](#)

Workshop sessions may fill up quickly. Attendees at this year's Education Day are encouraged to select their preferred workshop early.

[Read more about #RealityCheckup: register now to save a spot in one of the exciting Education Day workshops \[2\]](#)

## [Prescribing methadone is complex and requires appropriate training \[3\]](#)

Following the [previous announcement](#) [4] in the *College Connector* regarding the removal of the federal exemption to prescribe methadone, the College has decided not to erect any new regulatory gateways. Accordingly, any applications for methadone exemptions received after May 19, 2018 have not and will not be processed, as this requirement is now redundant.

[Read more about Prescribing methadone is complex and requires appropriate training](#) [3]

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## [Starting and stopping treatment safely: a patient's story \[5\]](#)

The following case study serves as a good reminder to physicians that discussions with patients about opioid treatment must include recommendations for starting and stopping safely.

[Read more about Starting and stopping treatment safely: a patient's story](#) [5]

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## [Updates made to five accreditation standards \[6\]](#)

Medical directors are strongly encouraged to review these updates and ensure that their non-hospital facility is compliant.

[Read more about Updates made to five accreditation standards \[6\]](#)

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NHMSFAP  
Update

## [Website design error may lead to incorrect toric calculations \[7\]](#)

Medical staff rely on website calculations for lens implantation during ophthalmology procedures. This case reinforces the importance of review of the surgical plan prior to surgery.

[Read more about Website design error may lead to incorrect toric calculations \[7\]](#)

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Update

## [Be aware of drug shortages in Canada \[8\]](#)

Do you receive notifications on shortages and discontinuations of drugs? Recently, Drug Shortages Canada reported a shortage of Dantrium Intravenous due to an increase in demand.

[Read more about Be aware of drug shortages in Canada \[8\]](#)

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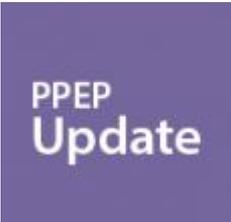
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## [PPEP launches Performance Review and Action Plan reports \[9\]](#)

Participating in a Physician Practice Enhancement Program assessment can provide physicians with insights into their practice and highlight areas for practice improvements. The program is striving to make the feedback more user-friendly.

[Read more about PPEP launches Performance Review and Action Plan reports \[9\]](#)

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PPEP  
Update

## [Revitalized multi-source feedback tool for physicians comes to BC \[10\]](#)

Through an in-depth multi-source feedback process, physicians get insight into their performance as communicators, collaborators and professionals.

[Read more about Revitalized multi-source feedback tool for physicians comes to BC \[10\]](#)

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POMDRA  
Update

## [Ear syringes for community-based physician offices and medical reprocessing requirements \[11\]](#)

How many types of ear syringes are there? Which ones can be reprocessed, and which ones can be discarded after one-time use? Do you know the answers?

[Read more about Ear syringes for community-based physician offices and medical reprocessing requirements \[11\]](#)

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## [Lexi-Interact drug interaction checker in RxTx \[12\]](#)

Registrants have access to this highly ranked tool for essential therapeutic guidance on drug interactions through the library.

[Read more about Lexi-Interact drug interaction checker in RxTx \[12\]](#)

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## [CPD events: mark your calendars \[13\]](#)

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found here.

[Read more about CPD events: mark your calendars \[13\]](#)

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