

## **Professional Notice**

| To:   | Pharmacy Practitioners             |
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| From: | Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists |
| Date: | October 8, 2019                    |
| Re:   | Changes to Standards of Practice   |

The NSCP Council has approved the following standards of practice changes:

• Discontinuation of the requirement for additional communication (e.g., faxed notifications) to the patient's primary care provider when a pharmacist prescribes and/or administers a vaccine. This is in light of all pharmacies in Nova Scotia now submitting records of vaccines administered by pharmacists to the Nova Scotia Drug Information System (DIS) Immunization Module.

Note: Pharmacies are still required to communicate when they administer drugs other than vaccines as these records are not currently submitted to the DIS.

• Addition of authority for pharmacists to administer medroxyprogesterone acetate depo injections.

Please contact Anne Marentette if you have any questions about these changes: amarentette@nspharmacists.ca