

Professional Notice

To: Pharmacy Practitioners
From: Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
Date: January 26, 2023
Re: SDM IT Disruption: Implications for NS DIS Profiles

The NSCP has learned that Shoppers Drug Mart pharmacies in Nova Scotia have not been able to communicate dispensed prescriptions into the Nova Scotia Drug Information System (NS DIS) for the last several days. As a result:

- Patient medication profiles within the NS DIS may not be complete:
 - This impacts the reliability of drug utilization reviews.
 - The NS DIS may not show the most recent dispense of a patient's prescription.
- It is more important than ever that pharmacy practitioners confirm with their patients whether they have received prescriptions from another pharmacy and in particular, from a Shoppers Drug Mart.

The NSCP is in communication with Shoppers Drug Mart and will provide updates regarding the currency of the NS DIS as they become available.