

Sample letter/fax introducing PPP-58

[drugstore letterhead]

Date

Doctor name
Address

Re: Introduction to Pharmacists enhanced scope of practice

Dear Dr. _____,

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are aware of some recent changes that have evolved the scope of practice for pharmacists in BC. Earlier this year the government introduced *Bill 25* which, specific to the profession of pharmacy, formalized pharmacists' authority to 'renew' existing prescriptions.

In conjunction with this the College of Pharmacists of BC (CPBC) has introduced *Professional Practice Policy #58 (PPP-58) Medication Management – Adapting a Prescription* which provides the framework to guide pharmacists in the safe and effective adaptation, including renewal, of existing prescriptions.

Although it is not mandatory that a pharmacist adapt a prescription, it is mandatory that should a pharmacist choose to adapt a prescription they adhere to the guidelines laid out in the PPP-58 Orientation Guide as well as the further clarifications and updates outlined in the Amendment to the Orientation Guide (copies of both of these documents are available on the CPBC website www.bcpharmacists.org).

One of the required fundamentals for pharmacists adapting prescriptions is the notification (within 24 hours) to the original prescriber. This means that from time to time you may receive a fax notification (sample attached) from a member of our pharmacy team to inform you of a prescription adaptation that has occurred. Pharmacists' authorization to implement this policy and thereby adapt prescriptions is effective January 1, 2009.

We value our professional relationship with you. Please feel free to contact (insert: pharmacy manager name) with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

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