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As we reach mid-2018, we share some highlights of NAPRA activities in the year so far.

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The [Model Standards for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations](#), along with the accompanying [Guidance Document for Pharmacy Compounding of Non-sterile Preparations](#), were published to the NAPRA website in both English and French in March.

NAPRA wishes to extend its sincerest thanks to the members of the National Advisory Committee on Pharmacy Practice (NACPP) for their indispensable contributions and to all those who assisted in the creation of these documents.

NAPRA's suite of model standards for pharmacy compounding—pertaining to non-hazardous sterile preparations, hazardous sterile preparations and non-sterile preparations—is complete. Pharmacy professionals are reminded that the implementation of the model standards and guidance document is under the authority of the respective provincial, territorial or Canadian Armed Forces regulatory bodies. However, if you have questions regarding the content of the documents, please send your questions to info@napra.ca.

Changes Around the NAPRA Board Table

NAPRA introduced a new governance model in November 2017. As previously shared in *NAPRA Notes*, a key change is that NAPRA's Board of Directors is now comprised of the registrars of the provincial colleges, representatives from the territories and Canadian Armed Forces, and up to three other individuals who will meet specific needs identified by NAPRA. The NAPRA Board will continue to be led by Margot Priddle, Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board, and Nancy Lum-Wilson, Ontario College of Pharmacists, in their roles as Chair and Vice Chair respectively until April 2019.

To fully realize its new governance model, NAPRA will introduce a process later in 2018 to recruit individuals who meet the needs of the Board. To assist the Board and the Executive Director in their respective roles, NAPRA will also use a combination of Committees, Task Forces, and Working Groups to engage volunteers and stakeholders in the accomplishment of its priorities. Please consider contributing to NAPRA when you see those volunteer opportunities in future.

The NAPRA Board welcomed Jeana Wendel, Registrar, Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals to the Board in April 2018. The Board position for the Government of Yukon is currently vacant and will be filled in the near future.

With the change in leadership at the Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Professionals, Ray Joubert stepped down from his position as the representative for the College on NAPRA's Board. However, Ray continues at SCPP through 2018 as the Associate

Registrar to enable a smooth transition after his many years as SCPP Registrar. Adele Fifield, NAPRA's Executive Director, put it best in a personal communication to Ray on behalf of the entire NAPRA team: "[Ray was] a part of the birth of NAPRA, a key contributor to its success, and a mentor to countless individuals, including the staff at NAPRA."

[Taking a New Approach to the Annual Meeting of Members](#)



Attendees of NAPRA's Annual Meeting of Members, April 2018

NAPRA's Annual Meeting of Members was held in Ottawa on April 25, 2018. A new approach to the annual meeting was initiated this year wherein a senior representative of each of NAPRA's member organizations was invited to represent their organization at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to completing the standard business of any Annual Meeting, NAPRA wished to make its Annual Meeting of Members a networking opportunity and chance to have purposeful exchange with the Chairs/Presidents (or other senior executive) of our member organizations. In particular for NAPRA, the meeting provided an opportunity for strategic discussion in preparation for an upcoming strategic planning exercise by its Board. NAPRA will continue to build on the success of this year's Annual Meeting of Members for future meetings.

[Pharmacists' Gateway Canada](#)



As anticipated, Gateway Operations remain quite busy. An updated Pharmacy Practice Skills and Knowledge Self-assessment Tool was released this past February to align with current competencies. After less than four years since its inception in August 2014, the Gateway reached 10,000 enrolments from international pharmacy graduates (IPGs) in early May. The Gateway, as a source of information for IPGs and a single point registration portal, is valued by registrants. Here's a quote from an IPG on the Gateway:

"Many thanks for explaining this clearly, and for the useful links to compare the licensing requirements/costs/time between the different provinces. Those links are really helpful. I really appreciate this."

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Earlier this year, and for the first time in the organization's history, the NAPRA website was made available [in French](#). If you haven't already, take the time to browse the site and become familiar with the material and resources that are available in both official languages. *Bonne lecture à tous!*

Health Canada Consultations

An important role of NAPRA for its members is to facilitate and engage in consultations with the federal government on topics pertinent to the regulation of pharmacy. In recent months, NAPRA has facilitated input into five consultations on the regulatory requirements around diacetylmorphine (heroin), regulatory changes regarding destruction of and travel with controlled substances, the public release of clinical information, mandatory reporting requirements for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), and the regulatory framework for cannabis legalization. The legalization of cannabis and the access to cannabis for medical purposes are timely current priorities. NAPRA provided feedback to Health Canada as part of its consultation on the proposed federal regulatory framework for cannabis and is participating on a Health Canada working group to further discuss issues surrounding health products with cannabis.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send your feedback to info@napra.ca.