

## PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (PIP) UPDATE TUBERCULOSIS (TB) MEDICATIONS

The TB Pharmacy at Royal University Hospital dispenses and ships medications used for the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) to patients across the province. Effective September 9, 2019, medications used for the treatment of TB will be captured and can be viewed on a patient's Pharmaceutical Information Program (PIP) profile.

As a result, community pharmacists in Saskatchewan will receive warning messages from the clinical decision support tools in their pharmacy practice management system and in PIP regarding potential or actual drug therapy issues related to a patient's TB medication treatment. It is important for pharmacists to know that prior to submission of TB medication information to PIP and the Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch claims system starting on September 9, 2019, TB pharmacists will have managed existing medication therapy issues for those patients currently on TB medications. After that date, any new medications dispensed by community pharmacies may require issue resolution in conjunction with the TB Pharmacy staff.

Pharmacists can consult with the TB Pharmacy or medSask if assistance is required to manage TB drug therapy issues.

**The TB Pharmacy will continue to manage all dose adjustments of a patient's TB medications.**

medSask and Continuing Professional Development for Pharmacy Professionals (CPDPP) have collaborated with the TB Pharmacy to prepare educational material to assist pharmacists with the management of TB drug therapy issues. This educational material, once finalized, will be available on the medSask website at <https://medsask.usask.ca>.

### *Did you know?*

The TB Prevention and Control Saskatchewan program is for all residents of Saskatchewan with suspected of diagnosed tuberculosis infection or disease.

### **Who to Call:**

**If you or your patients have any questions, call:**

- The TB Pharmacy at 306-655-2987; or
- medSask at 1-800-667-3425 or 306-966-6340 (Saskatoon) or by e-mail at [druginfo@usask.ca](mailto:druginfo@usask.ca).