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To Local Health Care Providers,

As you may have heard, our pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinics announced January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. These clinics are operating province wide in areas which have the highest number of people without a family doctor ranging from Yarmouth to Sydney. This Community Pharmacy Primary Care Clinic (CPPCC) project is a partnership between the Government of Nova Scotia (Department of Health & Wellness), the Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Health.

Each clinic has 40 hours of dedicated pharmacist time to offer appointments to patients outside of the dispensary. Appointment times will vary from 10-60 minutes depending on the complexity of the care required. These clinics are open to all Nova Scotians with an active Nova Scotia Health Card at no charge to the patient. To access the clinics, the patient can phone the clinic directly or book online at [www.pans.ns.ca/cppcc](http://www.pans.ns.ca/cppcc) and will be given a specific date/time to meet the pharmacist in a private clinic room. The hope is to alleviate strain on emergency rooms and other healthcare providers around the province; providing residents with another option to support timely access to care when and where they need it.

This project allows an expanded scope of practice for the pharmacists working in the clinic. CPPCC participating clinic pharmacies will be able to provide the following additional services:

- Assessment, testing and prescribing for Group A Streptococcal infections
- Chronic condition comprehensive care including medication assessments and follow-ups for diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma and COPD, including modifying doses or adding new medications if needed
- Ordering of lab tests and/or providing point of care tests (Lipid panel, A1C, INR) when monitoring drug therapy is appropriate and as part of services such as a prescription renewal assessments or chronic disease care.
- Assessment and prescribing of 31 minor ailments such as acne, cold sores, allergies, yeast infections, eczema, impetigo, worms, hemorrhoids, allergic rhinitis and more
- Injection of many medications (VitB12, Depo-Provera, Sublocade, Shingrix, Twinrix, antipsychotics, and other S/C or I/M injections)

**In addition, all pharmacies** in NS will continue to be able to provide NS residents with these publicly funded services:

- Renewal assessments for prescriptions up to 4 times per year
- Assessment and prescribing of uncomplicated UTI, herpes zoster, lyme disease prophylaxis, contraception, covid-19 related cough, take-home naloxone kits, influenza & covid-19 vaccines.
- Many pharmacies also are publicly funded to provide INR testing and prescribe dosage adjustments for patients on warfarin.

It is an exciting time to be a pharmacist and our hope is to help relieve pressure on the current health care system. Any assessments/tests/results/prescriptions/referrals made within the clinic will be communicated to you via fax and feel free to contact the clinic pharmacist with any questions/concerns.

Looking forward to working with you,

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