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New Narcotics Safety Rules

The Ontario Government enacted a law regarding Narcotics Safety that applies to how narcotic and other controlled substance prescriptions are prescribed by physicians and filled by pharmacies. To ensure that you are in compliance with the new law, you may need to modify your customized prescription layouts to contain the required additional physicians and patient information. To following information must now be included on prescriptions for controlled substances:

- Identification number of the patient and type of identification used
- Registration number on the certificate of registration issued to the prescriber by the College of which he or she is a member (CPSO number)
- Name of person for whom the monitored drug is prescribed
- Name, strength (where applicable) and quantity of the monitored drug
- Directions for use of the monitored drug
- Name and address of the prescriber
- Date monitored drug is prescribed

In order to ensure that CIS will be compliant, we have made the required changes to CIS 7.4.5 to be release this December. You can record your CPSO number in the Utilities module, which will then trigger the system to print it on the prescription as required. When you are creating a prescription for a controlled substance, click the new **Inc. HN** (Include health number) check box. The system will add the patient's health card number to the prescription printout.

In the upcoming Q1 release of CIS 8.0, a full solution will ensure you are never missing a controlled substance. The Prescription Writer will automatically recognize a controlled substance when it is prescribed. Additionally, in the Registration module, physicians can select other identification methods so the patient can choose their preferred form of ID. If you have any questions, many answers can be found in the FAQ section of the Ministry of Health's web site. http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/drugs/ons/ons_faq.aspx#2

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