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**POLICY STATEMENT**

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**Prince Edward Island Pharmacy Board Policy – Physician no longer actively involved with patient’s health care**

When a pharmacist is made aware that a physician is no longer actively involved with a patient’s health care and/or is not readily available for consultation regarding the patient’s care, the pharmacist should direct the patient to seek a new physician as soon as possible and use professional judgment in providing further refills on the physician’s prescription.

***Interpretation***

*In situations where the prescriptions have remaining authorized refills and the pharmacist is confident the prescribing physician continues to practice medicine in a Canadian jurisdiction, the pharmacist should keep the welfare of the patient as a primary concern, and ascertain the importance of continuing the medication for the duration of the authorized refills.*

*The pharmacist **must not** issue refills beyond a thirty day supply for any medication:*

- *when the physician ceases to practice medicine, is suspended from practice, retires ,or*
- *when there are no authorized remaining refills, or*
- *that require ongoing physical assessments (such warfarin) or other medical follow-up beyond their own scope of practice.*