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REGULATION POLICY

Lock and Leave Physical Barrier

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Background

In Prince Edward Island drugs and medicines are placed in schedules corresponding to the conditions of sale providing for proper drug use and public safety. The Lock and Leave Regulations provide that all scheduled drugs must be locked behind the physical Lock and Leave barrier at times when the pharmacist is not available, to ensure this patient safety. Since the Lock and Leave Regulations were approved, new modes of ensuring that scheduled drugs are inaccessible to the public when the pharmacist is unavailable have been developed (locked shelving units, etc.).

Because the Regulations could not anticipate these newer modes of security, the following policy has been developed.

Policy

For the purposes of clarification, it is the policy of the Board that the Inspector shall have the authority to recommend alternate modes of securing scheduled drugs during times when the pharmacist is unavailable, notwithstanding that the mode of security may not be specifically set out in the Regulations.

The Inspector may, therefore, assess alternate security systems and recommend to the Board their equivalence to the physical barrier required by the Regulations, for the purposes of security and public safety.