

## Membership Renewal Policies / Collection of Data for National Database

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The Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists and other provincial pharmacy regulatory authorities have agreed to collect and provide pharmacist data to CIHI as part of the "Health Human Resources Databases Development Project".

As a result, we have modified and in some cases simplified our membership renewal policies. The 2006-07 annual membership renewal form now includes a brief, user-friendly section for provision of the data that is not available from the current membership information on the SCP database. Changes have also been made to simplify the membership portion of the application, to include **declarations** for the **continuing professional development requirement** and the **malpractice insurance requirement**.

We are also developing a web-based on-line renewal process. Although this on-line system will be unavailable for this renewal period, the new application form is a step in this process.

*\* We ask members to provide the most accurate data possible for the national database.*

### Purpose of the Database

Authorities have identified the lack of standardized national data on most health professionals in Canada. As this is true for pharmacists, CIHI is undertaking the Health Human Resources Databases Development Project to include pharmacists to address the data gaps that exist, and to improve the information base for health human resources management. The project, funded by Health Canada, will be developed over five years. After the project ends in 2009, the developed databases will be maintained by CIHI.

### Privacy

The minimum amount of data that is need for reliable reporting is being collected. **CIHI will not collect the name, address or contact details of any individual**, and has the strictest possible policies and systems to protect the privacy of collected data.

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