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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Canadian Pharmaceutical Bar Coding Project. The project focuses on important elements regarding enhancing and improving systems to reduce risk and improve healthcare safety.

Consistent with being a not for profit, non regulatory body with a mandate to promote patient safety for all Manitobans, the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety is pleased to offer support to the initiative in the following ways:

- 1) We endorse the intent of the Joint Technical Statement on Pharmaceutical Automated Identification and Product Database Requirements;
- 2) We would be pleased to post information about the project and your milestones and next steps on our website (please forward information);
- 3) We will relay information on the initiative to our 32 member organizations and other key stakeholders in the Manitoba healthcare system; and,
- 4) We can facilitate presentations with key Manitoba groups (for example, the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association has voiced interest in such a presentation as a member professional development opportunity).

Thank you for meeting with me and with colleagues in the past and for your presentations to our Western Quality and Patient Safety Organizations meetings. I appreciate the complexity of this initiative and offer our congratulations for your excellent work to date.

Please contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Laurie Thompson
Executive Director

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