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Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada

A Key Partner in the Canadian Medication Incident Reporting and Prevention System (CMIRPS)

Education to support mandatory ADR/MDI reporting (Vanessa's Law)



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Your chance to participate in a Pilot

You're invited to participate in a unique pilot project that will provide educational content to support implementation of *The Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act*, also known as **Vanessa's Law**.

Vanessa's Law was enacted to ensure rapid identification of drug and safety issues for Canadians and to improve the sharing of safety information with decision-makers. Vanessa's Law includes a provision for mandatory reporting by hospitals of serious adverse drug reactions (ADRs) and medical device incidents (MDIs), a requirement that will come into force later this year.

The goal of the Educational Approach Program is to provide core content about ADR/MDI reporting that can be used by healthcare professionals, patients/families, healthcare organizations, and education providers for individual learning. These educational materials are designed to be "building blocks" for you to integrate into orientation and other learning activities.

When does the pilot project start?

The Educational Approach Pilot begins in **mid-March**. *It will run for two weeks, and will take about 2 – 3 hours to complete.*

How will the Educational Approach work?

Adverse drug reactions and incidents involving medical devices occur in hospitals, including emergency departments, across the country, but are significantly underreported.

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada (**ISMP Canada**) is working in a joint venture with Health Standards Organization (**HSO**) and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (**CPSI**) to assist Health Canada with outreach, education, and feedback concerning the mandatory reporting.

In practice, here's how the education approach can work:

- Hospitals can include some or all of the core educational content in their orientation programs.
- Teachers can use the content in presentations or as part of the curriculum.
- Professional associations, colleges, and societies can use the content to create accredited courses or certification programs for continuing education.
- Patient and consumer organizations can use the materials to increase awareness and knowledge among their members.

Here's where you and your members come in

The pilot project is designed to test the educational materials before the program is launched in July 2019.

We are interested to hear from hospitals, healthcare providers, educators, patients and families whether the content is useful and if there is additional information needed.

Your participation—and that of your members and staff—in this pilot phase of the project is essential and deeply appreciated.

Please contact info@ismp-canada.org by March 8, and the project team will provide you with access to the educational modules and more information about providing feedback.

Many thanks for your support of this important initiative.



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About the Joint Venture Parties

The [Institute for Safe Medication Practices Canada](http://www.ismp-canada.org) (ISMP Canada) is an independent national not-for-profit organization committed to the advancement of medication safety in all healthcare settings. Information about ISMP Canada's work with Canadians to prevent medication incidents is available at www.ismp-canada.org and also at www.SafeMedicationUse.ca, a website designed for consumers.

[Health Standards Organization](http://www.hso.ca) (HSO) develops standards, assessment programs and methodologies to enable health and social service providers around the world to improve quality while doing what they do best: saving and improving lives.

The [Canadian Patient Safety Institute](http://www.cpsi.ca) (CPSI) is a not-for-profit organization that exists to raise awareness and facilitate implementation of ideas and best practices to achieve a transformation in patient safety. CPSI reflects the desire to close the gap between the healthcare we have and the healthcare we deserve.