

A hearing of an Adjudication Tribunal of the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board ("Board") was held on January 27, 2012 to consider a complaint against a Pharmacist Registrant.

The Adjudication Tribunal accepted an Agreed Statement of Facts in which the Registrant admitted that on a number of occasions in 2011 she dispensed Methadone carries without authorization and dispensed Methadone carries to a person other than the patient (the patient's husband). The Registrant also admitted that the Methadone Dosage Record submitted to the Board was altered by her and was signed by the patient on a number of occasions where she was not the person receiving the carry dose. On one occasion in 2009 the Registrant left a Methadone carry dose at a location other than the pharmacy for pick up by the patient. On a number of occasions Methadone prescriptions were not entered in the computer, consequently they did not show up on the Narcotic Record. The Registrant would subsequently adjust inventory levels for Methadone.

The Adjudication Tribunal accepted the Registrant's guilty plea and received a Joint Submission on sanction and orders that:

- (a) The Registrant's licence to practise pharmacy shall be restricted immediately from the dispensing of Methadone, until such time as she satisfies the Board that she has successfully completed an educational training program on Methadone Maintenance Treatment satisfactory to the Board;
- (b) The Registrant will on a quarterly basis, beginning the end of February, 2012, submit to the Board proof of compliance with the Board Standards of Practice for *Security and Accountability Procedures for Narcotics and Controlled Drugs for Community Pharmacies*, for a period of one year, unless that period is extended by the Secretary-Registrar of the Board;
- (c) The Registrant shall be subject to and co-operate fully with periodic inspections and audits by the Secretary-Registrar of the Board, or his designate, for a period of three years;
- (d) The Registrant will pay the costs of the investigation and hearing up to a maximum of \$5000.00, such costs to be paid within sixty days of notification from the Board of the amount of such costs, unless such time is extended by the Board;
- (e) Publication of the decision or order of the Adjudication Tribunal as required under section 44(3) of the *Pharmacy Act*, and publication in the Apothecary on a no-name basis.