

Temporary Lifting of In-Person Requirement for SaferMedsNL Initial Consultation May 14, 2020

PANL has worked with NLPDP to lift the in-person requirement for Medication Reviews and SaferMedsNL initial consultation temporarily during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Medication Reviews

Medication Reviews may be conducted virtually using applications such as FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, etc. It should be noted on file that the review was conducted virtually, for auditing purposes. Please note that medication reviews cannot be conducted via telephone consultation.

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Pharmacists may conduct the initial consultation over the phone or virtually. It is an important component of billing the initial consultation that the educational material be provided to the patient. This may be done via email and a copy of the sent email containing the electronic brochure must be provided for audit. If the patient requests the brochure by mail, the following process must be followed: Before mailing, stamp/sign the original with the date mailed. Mail the original and retain a photocopy for your records.

Members are reminded that the patient education brochures (and all policy documents) are available for download on the PANL website at: <https://panl.net/resources/safermedsnl/>

They are also available on the SaferMedsNL website as follows:

PPI patient brochure

https://safermedsnl.ca/s/SaferMedsNL_PPI_Patient_Brochure_Jan2019.pdf

Sleeping Pill patient brochure

https://safermedsnl.ca/s/SaferMedsNL_Sleeping_Pill_Patient_Brochure_Dec2019.pdf

How to get a good night's sleep brochure

https://safermedsnl.ca/s/SaferMedsNL_Good_Nights_Sleep_brochure_nov2019_2.pdf

An NLPDP bulletin outlining these temporary changes will follow later today.

Members may wish to view a free CE program from Pharmacy 5 in 5

(<https://pharmacy5in5.ca/app/#/>). Under the COVID heading is a short video CE on conducting virtual visits, which covers things like privacy and confidentiality considerations and other practical suggestions.