Purpose for which Personal Information may be Collected

65.   No registrant may collect personal information regarding a patient without the patient's consent unless

   (a)   the information relates directly to and is necessary for providing health care services to the patient or for related administrative purposes, or

   (b)   the collection of that information is expressly authorized by or under an enactment.

Record Keeping

65.1   (1)   All records required to be kept under the bylaws of the college or other legislation that regulates the practice of pharmacy shall be readable, complete and filed systematically by a registrant in a manner that is secure, auditable and allows for easy retrieval.

   (2)   Notwithstanding subsection (1), a prescription record that is valid must be retrievable immediately.

   (3)   For the purpose of subsection (2):

   (a)   a prescription is valid for a period of up to two years from the prescribing date, unless the prescription is for a benzodiazepine or other targeted substance, in which case the prescription is valid for a period of up to one year from the prescribing date, and

   (b)   despite paragraph (a), a prescription for a benzodiazepine or other targeted substance is valid for a period of up to two years from the prescribing date, if permitted by a section 56 exemption to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*.

   (4)   With respect to prescriptions for drugs included in the controlled prescription program, the original prescription form or a paper copy of the completed form transmitted by facsimile must be retained, regardless of whether or not such prescription form has also been stored electronically.

   (5)   Prescriptions stored electronically must accurately reflect the original prescription, including the colour composition of that prescription.

   (6)   A registrant who creates and stores electronic records must do so using the equipment, software and systems prescribed by subsections 23.3(1) and 23.3(2) of the Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act Bylaws.

Source of Personal Information

6.a) xAppendix 5. Amendments to HPA Bylaws (redline)5076-HPA_Bylaws v2022.2 (effective 2022-10-14)
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