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Recognizing Our Pharmacist Partners During Pharmacist Awareness Month

St. John's, NL – The NL Centre for Health Information thanks its pharmacist partners throughout the province who are connected to the Pharmacy Network and acknowledges the critical role they play in the delivery of health care. March is *Pharmacist Awareness Month*, and a time to recognize the contribution pharmacists make to the provincial health system.

The NL Centre for Health Information operates the Pharmacy Network, a key component of the provincial electronic health record, HEALTHe NL. A strong partnership with pharmacists throughout Newfoundland and Labrador is integral to the current and future success of the provincial Pharmacy Network.

“During Pharmacist Awareness Month, we acknowledge the important role of pharmacists in delivering quality care to patients. We look forward to working with pharmacists throughout the province to realize a fully connected Pharmacy Network and to improve the safety of our health system.”

- *Mike Barron, President and CEO, Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information.*

The Pharmacy Network provides pharmacists and other health care professionals with important patient medication information, ensuring health professionals have more complete patient information when delivering care. When a prescription is filled at a connected pharmacy, the Pharmacy Network stores information about the medications the patient is taking. This makes it easier for pharmacists and other health care professionals to make better decisions about care and helps prevent harmful drug interactions.

“There is a wealth of information available in the Pharmacy Network that’s growing and it’s going to get even better. I can only imagine how good the system will be when all pharmacies are connected and we have a more complete patient profile.”

- *Tony Smith, Pharmacist and Owner, Avalon Drugs Bay Roberts*

The NL Centre for Health Information has 93 pharmacies in the province connected. The full benefit of the Pharmacy Network will be best realized in the coming year when the Centre anticipates 100% of the pharmacies in the province will be connected. The Centre anticipates a busy year ahead as pharmacies continue to connect to the Pharmacy Network and support continued improvement in patient care for the people of our province.

Currently, there are more than 16 million prescriptions in the Pharmacy Network associated with 343,548 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. More importantly, there have been 122,034 instances when additional medication information was available to health care professionals, from the Pharmacy Network, to better inform decisions about patient care had that information been required.

About the Centre for Health Information

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (the Centre) provides quality information to health professionals, the public, researchers and health system decision-makers. Through collaboration with the health system, the Centre supports the development of data and technical standards, maintains key health databases, prepares and distributes health reports, and supports and carries out applied health research and evaluations. The Centre's mandate also includes the development and implementation of a confidential and secure provincial electronic health record, including the change management required to support adoption by end user clinicians.

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Pharmacies Connected to the Pharmacy Network

Pharmacy	Location
Avalon Drugs	Bay Roberts
Baccalieu Trail	South River
Baccalieu Trail	Spaniard's Bay
Bayshore Pharmacy	St. John's
Ben's Pharmacy	Stephenville
Bioscript Pharmacy	St. John's
Bonne Bay Pharmachoice	Norris Point
CC Pharmacy (satellite)	Cox's Cove
Central Health Pharmacy Department	Grand Falls-Windsor
City Pharmacy	Corner Brook
Consumers Pharmachoice	St. Anthony
Costco	St. John's
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Lake Avenue, St. John's
Downtown Pharmacy	Water Street, St. John's
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Stephenville
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Blackmarsh Road, St. John's
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Old Placentia Road, St. John's
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Corner Brook
DRUGStore Pharmacy	CBS
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Stavanger Drive, St. John's
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Lewisporte
DRUGStore Pharmacy	Twillingate
Eastport Pharmachoice	Eastport
Foodland Pharmacy	Bay Roberts
Gander Pharmachoice	Gander
Glovertown Pharmachoice	Glovertown
Gould's Pharmachoice	Goulds
Green Bay South Pharmachoice	Green Bay South
Green's Drug Mart	CBS

Green's Drug Mart	Dildo
Green's Drug Mart	Placentia
Green's Drug Mart	Green's Harbour
Green's Pharmacy	Bay Roberts
Hamilton Drugs	Goose Bay
Hindy's Pharmacy	Winterton
HSC/General Hospital Pharmacy	St. John's
Innomar Pharmacy	St. John's
James Paton Memorial Hospital Pharmacy	Gander
Labrador Health Centre	Goose Bay
Lawtons	Gleneyre, St. John's
Lawtons	Campbell Avenue, St. John's
Lawtons	Topsail Road, St. John's
Lawtons	Centennial Square, Mount Pearl
Lawtons	Placentia
Lawtons	Deer Lake
Lawtons	Springdale
Lawtons	Lewisporte
Lawtons	Avalon Mall, St. John's
Lawtons	Corner Brook
Lawtons	Trepassey
Lawtons	Gander
Lawtons	Clarke's Beach
Lawtons	Corner Brook
Lawtons	Torbay Road, St. John's
Lawtons	Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's
Lawtons	Kelligrews
Lawtons	Paradise
Lewisporte Pharmachoice	Lewisporte
Loblaw Pharmacy	Grand Falls-Windsor
Loblaw Pharmacy	Clareville
Loblaw Pharmacy	Gander
Main Street Pharmacy	Springdale
Medicine Corner	Witless Bay
Metro Pharmacy	St. John's
Peninsula Pharmachoice	St. Bernard - Jacques Fontaine
Pouch Cove Pharmacy	Pouch Cove
Quality Pharmacy	Lourdes
Remedy's RX	Carbonear
Remedy's RX	Bay Roberts
Shea Heights Pharmacy	St. John's
Shoppers Drug Mart	Lewisporte
Sinyard's Pharmacy	Harbour Grace
Sobeys	Kelsey Drive, St. John's

Sobeys	Torbay Road, St. John's
Sobeys	Topsail Road, St. John's
Sobeys	Long Pond
Sobeys	Ropewalk Lane, St. John's
Sobeys	Grand Bank
Sobeys	Grand Falls-Windsor
Sobeys	Howley Estates, St. John's
Sobeys	Marystown
Sobeys	Mount Pearl
Sobeys	Corner Brook
Sobeys	Merrymeeting Road, St. John's
The Medicine Shoppe	Clarenville
The Medicine Shoppe	Fogo
The Waterford Hospital Pharmacy	St. John's
Upper Island Cove Drug Mart	Upper Island Cove
Villa Nova Pharmacy	CBS
Water Street Pharmachoice	St. John's
Western Regional Memorial Hospital	Corner Brook
Whitbourne Drug Mart	Whitbourne
White's Pharmasave	Stephenville