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This release features updates to Chapter 8: Comparison of the Practice of Pharmacy in the Various Canadian Jurisdictions and Chapter 9: Selected Court Cases. As well there are updates to Federal legislation as well as in the province of Alberta.

Highlights

- **Reporting Liability** — As the role of a pharmacist evolves to include adaptation of prescriptions with the aim of improved health outcomes, it is important that pharmacists remember to provide the appropriate documentation and follow-up. Among the allegations in *College of Pharmacists of British Columbia v. Tam*, (May 27, 2019), available at www.bcpharmacists.org was that the pharmacist failed to

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appropriately document his prescription adaptations.

- **Drug Adaptations** — In *Pharmacists (Professional College of) c. Lamontagne*, (June 12, 2019), Doc. 30-19-01964, 2019 CanLII 58088 (QC CDOPQ), the matter involved an adaptation of two antibiotic prescriptions for a child in order to provide a more suitable dosage with fewer side effects. The pharmacist did adapt both prescriptions, but only relabelled one. The pharmacist did communicate with the prescriber, however the prescriber sent a new order with updated dosages for both antibiotics, and the pharmacist only placed these new dosage recommendations on file. Documentation is key for adapting prescriptions, and more importantly it is paramount to update orders and communicate with patients within the process of adaptation.