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### REMINDER

## Pharmacology/Medication Administration is January 2006

**Requirements:** As stated in the April 30, 2004 Bulletin, all CLPNBC registrants must have completed five units of pharmacology/medication administration to obtain their full registration. This is a requirement for all LPNs who want to practise in B.C.

The following five units must be completed prior to the January deadline:

1. Basic Pharmacology (In most cases, this includes Gero-pharmacology. One school in B.C. offers it as a separate course.)
2. Gero-pharmacology
3. Administration of intramuscular and subcutaneous injections and narcotics
4. Supporting intravenous therapy
5. Taking and Transcribing Medication Orders

**Self-Assessment:** If you haven't completed the units, work through the new *Pharmacology and Medication Self-Assessment Process*, a 68-page workbook available free-of-charge on the CLPNBC website (go to [www.clpnbc.org](http://www.clpnbc.org), then click on the link under the "What's New" section).

This workbook will help you identify which skills you need to upgrade. If you're satisfied that you're up-to-date, complete the Course Content Validation Form in the workbook and submit it to the school that you graduated from. To validate your self-assessment, the form must be completed by an authorized representative from the school. Add the form to your personal professional portfolio as evidence that you have completed the requirements for continuing competence, but do not send it to the CLPNBC.

**Funding:** Information on the LPN Upgrading Fund 2005/2006 (maximum of \$1,000) is available on the Ministry of Health Services website ([www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca](http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca)). No reimbursement is available for the cost of courses completed prior to April 1, 2005. LPNs must also be working in an LPN role to qualify for funding. Questions about the fund? Call the Ministry at 1-800-465-4911.

**Courses:** Make sure the course is offered by an approved B.C. public post-secondary education institution with an accredited Practical Nursing program. Courses/units must have a lab and/or practicum component. Courses are available at: Camosun College, College of the Rockies, Malaspina University College, North Island College, Okanagan University College, Selkirk College, Thompson Rivers University (formerly B.C. Open University), University College of the Cariboo, and Vancouver Community College. Links to these schools can be found on the Ministry's website.

If you are unsure if a course qualifies, please contact the CLPNBC Department of Education and Practice at (604) 660-5750 or toll-free at 1-888-440-6900.

Further updates on this requirement will be forthcoming.

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